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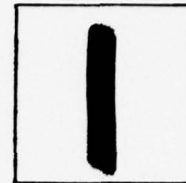
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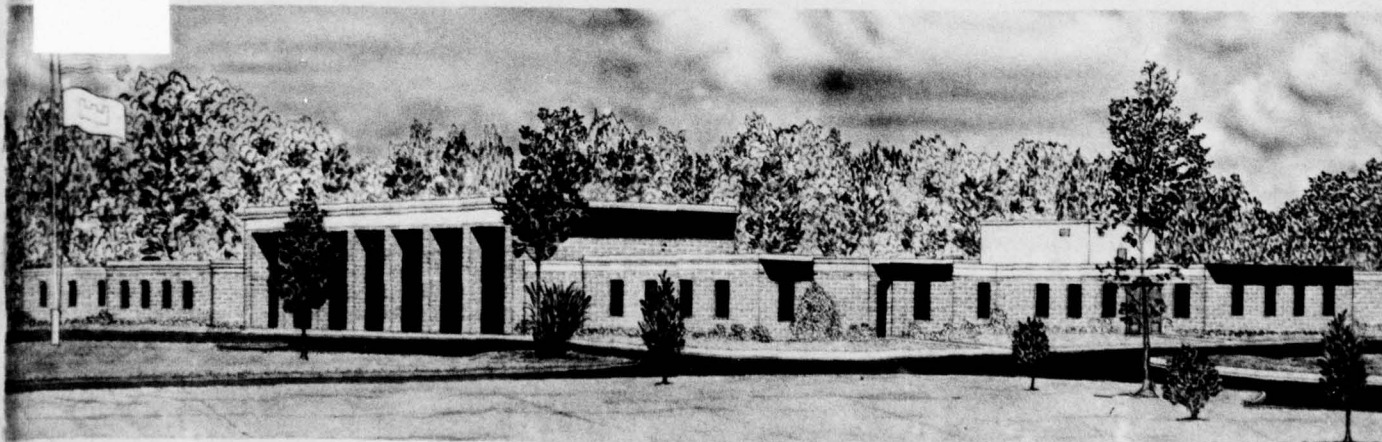
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Tests indicated that a 100-ft-long elliptical-shaped dike would be required in the vicinity of the upstream left abutment to provide protection for the dam embankment and retaining wall. The minimum stone size ( $d_{50} = 16$  in.) required for stability of the upstream rockfill dike was determined from the model. The hydraulic performance of the spillway crest design was satisfactory for a range of anticipated discharges.

The model investigation also indicated that additional protection would be required in the exit channel and the San Gabriel River basin to ensure the stability of the dam embankment against scour. Excavation along the downstream right bluff of the spillway exit channel and two rockfill dikes located along the left bank of the San Gabriel River (No. 1 dike) and the dam embankment (No. 2 dike) will provide adequate protection of the dam embankment.

The minimum stone size ( $d_{50} = 25$  in.) required for stability of the two downstream rockfill dikes was determined from the model.

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## PREFACE

The model investigation reported herein was authorized by the Office, Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army, on 28 May 1974, at the request of the U. S. Army Engineer District, Fort Worth.

The study was conducted during the period May 1974 to May 1975 in the Hydraulics Laboratory of the U. S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station (WES) under the direction of Mr. H. B. Simmons, Chief of the Hydraulics Laboratory, and under the general supervision of Messrs. J. L. Grace, Jr., Chief of the Structures Division, and J. P. Bohan, Chief of the Spillways and Channels Branch. The project engineer for the model study was Mr. E. D. Rothwell, assisted by Mr. B. Perkins. This report was prepared by Mr. Rothwell.

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Directors of WES during the conduct of the study and the preparation and publication of this report were COL G. H. Hilt, CE, and COL J. L. Cannon, CE. Technical Director was Mr. F. R. Brown.

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CONVERSION FACTORS, U. S. CUSTOMARY TO METRIC (SI)  
UNITS OF MEASUREMENT

U. S. customary units of measurement used in this report can be converted to metric (SI) units as follows:

<u>Multiply</u>	<u>By</u>	<u>To Obtain</u>
inches	25.4	millimetres
feet	0.3048	metres
miles (U. S. statute)	1.609344	kilometres
square miles	2.589988	square kilometres
cubic yards	0.7645549	cubic metres
acre-feet	1233.482	cubic metres
feet per second	0.3048	metres per second
cubic feet per second	0.02831685	cubic metres per second

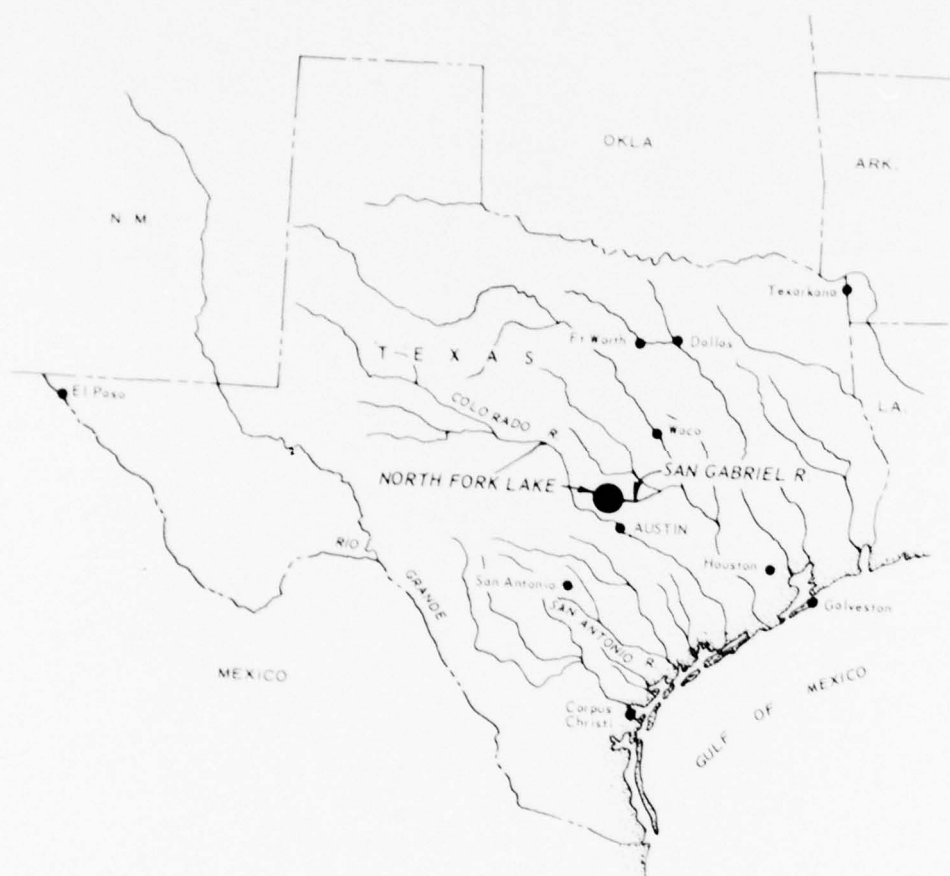


Figure 1. Vicinity map

NORTH FORK LAKE SPILLWAY  
SAN GABRIEL RIVER, TEXAS

Hydraulic Model Investigation

PART I: INTRODUCTION

The Prototype

1. The North Fork Lake Dam will be located at river mile 4.3 on the north fork of the San Gabriel River, Texas. The site for the dam is about 3.5 miles\* west of Georgetown, Texas. The reservoir will be located entirely within Williamson County, Texas (Figure 1). The dam will be a rock and earthfill zoned embankment having a maximum height of 161 ft (el 861.0\*\*) above the riverbed, an overall length of 6,640 ft, and a crown width of 30 ft. The reservoir will have a 246-square-mile drainage area and will provide a gross storage capacity of 130,800 acre-ft at the top of the flood control pool, el 834.0.

2. The spillway will consist of a 1,000-ft-wide uncontrolled broad-crested weir excavated in limestone with crest elevation 834.0 located in the right abutment of the dam. The spillway will be designed to discharge 284,000 cfs at reservoir el 856.2.

3. The flow area of the spillway will be trapezoidal in shape with a 1000-ft bottom width, 4V on 1H side slopes in rock cut, and 1V on 2H side slopes in the overburden. The channel will be horizontal for a distance of 100 ft upstream from the control section and then slope downward at a 1 percent grade for a distance of 1000 ft to el 824.0. The remainder of the spillway approach channel will be cut horizontal at el 824.0. The spillway discharge channel, downstream from the control section, will slope downward on a grade of 1.5 percent to natural

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\* A table of factors for converting U. S. customary units of measurement to metric (SI) units is presented on page 3.

\*\* All elevations (el) cited herein are in feet referred to mean sea level.

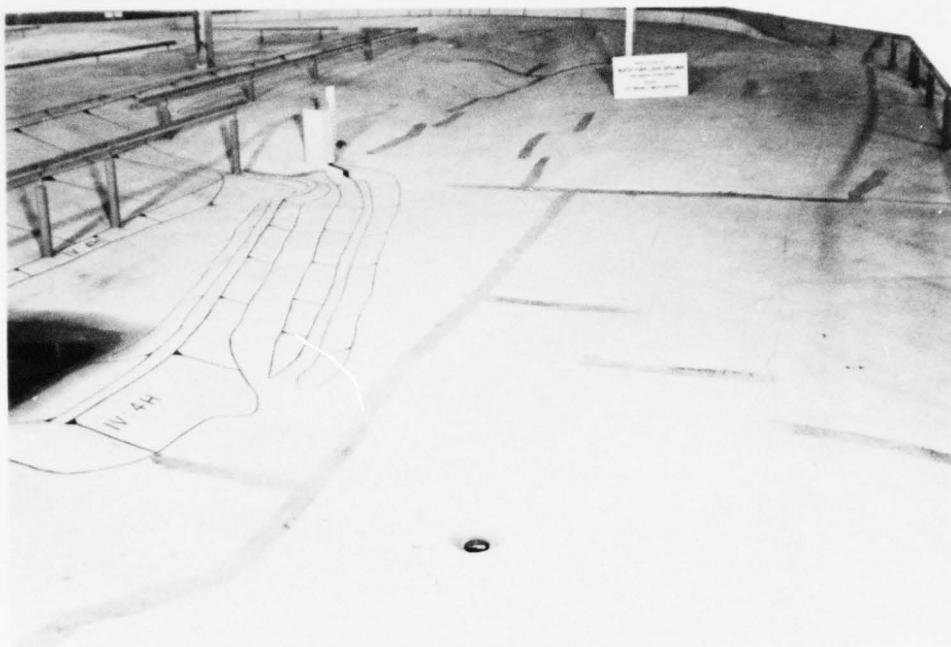
ground. A natural ravine extends for approximately 1600 ft from the spillway discharge channel downstream to the San Gabriel River. The spillway approach channel will have a 950-ft-radius curve and the discharge channel a 900-ft-radius curve (Figure 2).

4. The outlet works will include two flood-control and four low-flow inlets, which will discharge into an 11-ft-diam tunnel having an overall length of 1286 ft. The flood-control gates, with invert at el 720.0, will be 5.0 ft wide by 11.0 ft high. The low-flow gated intakes will be 3.0 ft wide by 4.0 ft high with invert at el 738.5, 751.33, 764.17, and 777.0. The outlet works is designed to pass an outflow of 4500 cfs at reservoir el 856.0.

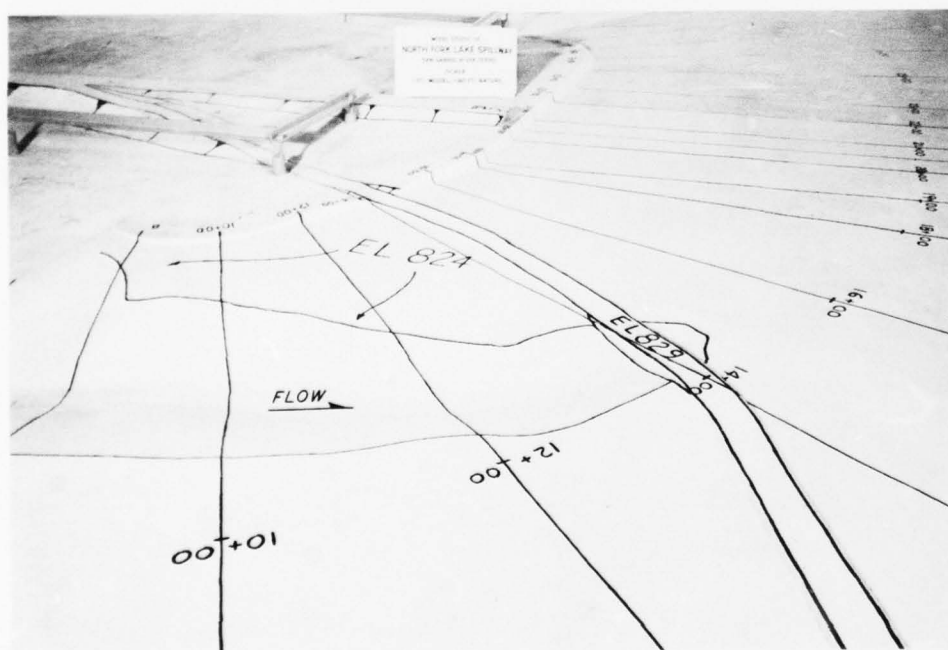
#### Purpose of Model Study

5. The model tests were conducted to develop a design which would eliminate the destructive currents along the toe of the dam embankment and in the vicinity of the outlet works stilling basin and spillway discharge channel. The model was also utilized to measure velocities, surging, and flow patterns for several discharges in the approach and discharge channels and to determine the adequacy of constructing a rock-fill dike at the upstream left abutment of the spillway.





a. Looking upstream, upstream approach channel and intake structure



b. Approach channel, upstream left abutment

Figure 2. The 1:80-scale comprehensive model (sheet 1 of 3)



c. Downstream spillway and discharge channel



d. Exit channel and outlet works stilling basin



e. Dam embankment and stone protection

Figure 2 (sheet 3 of 3)

## PART II: THE MODEL

### Description

6. A 1:80-scale model was constructed to reproduce all topography and structures in an area extending 2350 ft upstream and 3000 ft downstream from the centerline of the dam embankment and 500 ft to the right and 4600 ft to the left of the centerline of the spillway (Figure 2 and Plate 1). The portions of the model representing the approach, exit, and overbank areas were molded of cement mortar to sheet metal templates and were given a brushed finish. The uncontrolled broad-crested weir was fabricated of sheet metal (Plate 2). The outlet works and stilling basin were constructed of plastic-coated plywood.

7. Water used in the operation of the model was supplied by pumps, and discharges were measured with venturi meters. Steel rails set to grade provided reference planes for measuring devices. Water surface elevations were obtained with point gages. Velocities were measured with a pitot tube and by timing the movement of flotage and dye over measured distances. Current patterns were determined by observing the movement of dye injected into the water and confetti sprinkled on the water surface.

### Scale Relations

8. The accepted equations of hydraulic similitude, based upon Froudian criteria, were used to express the mathematical relations between the dimensions and hydraulic quantities of the model and prototype. The general relations expressed in terms of the model scale or length ratio,  $L_r$ , are presented in the following tabulation:

<u>Dimensions</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Scale Relation</u>
Length	$L_r$	1:80
Area	$A_r = L_r^2$	1:6,400

(Continued)



<u>Dimensions</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Scale Relation</u>
Velocity	$V_r = L_r^{1/2}$	1:8.9443
Discharge	$Q_r = L_r^{5/2}$	1:57,243.52
Time	$T_r = L_r^{1/2}$	1:8.9443
Volume	$V_r = L_r^3$	1:512,000

9. Model measurements of each dimension or variable can be transferred quantitatively to prototype equivalents by means of the preceding scale relations.

### PART III: TESTS AND RESULTS

#### Approach Channel Area

10. The approach area reproduced in the model extended 2,350 ft upstream from the centerline of the dam embankment (Figure 2 and Plate 1). Velocities and flow patterns in the approach channel were measured at 100-ft intervals to the right and left of the centerline of the channel and for a distance of 1,450 ft upstream from the centerline of the spillway (Plate 3 and Photo 1). These velocities were taken at 0.6 depth below the water surface for discharges of 88,000 and 284,000 cfs and pool el of 845.0 and 856.6, respectively, as shown in Plate 3.

#### Discharge Channel Area

11. The entire spillway discharge and exit channel area from the centerline of the spillway downstream for 4,450 ft (Figure 2 and Plate 1) was reproduced in the model. Flow conditions were investigated for a range of uncontrolled discharges including 78,000 cfs (standard project flood) and 284,000 cfs (spillway design flood). These flows were concentrated along the right side of the spillway channel downstream from the control weir. This situation caused flooding in the ravine, located to the right of the spillway channel, and produced irregular flow patterns in the exit channel below the spillway (Photo 2). Velocities and flow patterns in the spillway, downstream of the control weir, and in the exit channel were measured at 150-ft intervals in the spillway and 50-ft intervals in the exit channel to the right and left of the respective centerlines (Plate 4 and Photo 3). These velocities were taken at 0.6 depth below the water surface for discharges of 88,000 and 284,000 cfs and pool el of 845.0 and 856.6, respectively, as shown in Plate 4. Wave heights resulting from surging along the left bank of the San Gabriel River and along the toe of the dam embankment are also shown in Plate 4.

## Spillway and Left Abutment

### Original design

12. Details of the spillway crest and left abutment design are presented in Plate 2 and Photo 4. Initial tests were conducted to determine velocities, water surface elevations, and general flow patterns across the spillway crest for a range of discharges. Velocities measured at 0.6 depth below the water surface at several locations and for a range of discharges and pool elevations are presented in Tables 1-3. Velocities were also measured at the centerline of the spillway crest (sta 20+50) for discharges of 100,000, 150,000, and 190,000 cfs and pool el of 846.0, 849.2, and 851.6, respectively (Table 4). Water surface elevations across the centerline of the crest measured for a range of discharges are presented in Table 5. The model tests indicated satisfactory performance of the weir for the expected range of discharges; therefore, no alterations were made in the design during the study.

### Uncontrolled flow

13. An uncontrolled-flow rating curve is included in Plate 5. The head to discharge relationship for uncontrolled flow was determined from basic data obtained in the model (Table 6). The following equation satisfies this calibration data:

$$Q = 1.55LH^{1.69}$$

where

Q = total discharge, cfs

L = net length of spillway, ft

H = total head on crest (including approach velocity head), ft

A comparison of the actual model and computed uncontrolled rating curves is presented in Plate 6. The discrepancy between the curves is attributed to the flow contraction which exists at the left abutment (Photo 4).

#### Left Abutment Rockfill Dike

14. Tests were conducted in the vicinity of the upstream left abutment to determine the flow conditions associated with various discharges. The magnitude and direction of average velocities (measured at 0.6 depth of flow) at the original left abutment are shown in Plate 7 and Photo 4. These tests indicated that a reduction in the magnitude and direction of average velocities along the upstream dam embankment and around the retaining wall would be required to ensure stability of the left abutment. The Fort Worth District (SWF) furnished details of the proposed rockfill dike to be located in the vicinity of the upstream left abutment (Plate 8 and Photo 5). Test results with the proposed design indicated that the magnitude and direction of average velocities were sufficiently reduced in the vicinity of the spillway left abutment to provide adequate protection of the dam embankment and retaining wall (Plate 7). However, increased velocities were observed in the vicinity of the south access road approach to the spillway (sta 12+00 and 14+00) as compared to those observed with the original left abutment (Plate 7).

15. Several alternative designs were studied with the conclusion that a smaller rockfill dike would decrease the magnitude of the average velocities in the vicinity of the south access road approach to the spillway, while adequately protecting the dam embankment and retaining wall. SWF furnished details of three alternative rockfill dikes. With each dike design, the magnitudes of the average velocities in the vicinity of the spillway left abutment were sufficiently reduced to provide adequate protection of the dam embankment and retaining wall while at the same time reducing the severe flow conditions produced at the south access road approach to the spillway. However, the 100-ft-long elliptical shaped dike (Figure 3 and Plate 9) provided a more uniform flow distribution along the left side of the spillway approach channel. Velocities associated with the proposed and alternate rockfill dikes are shown in Table 7.



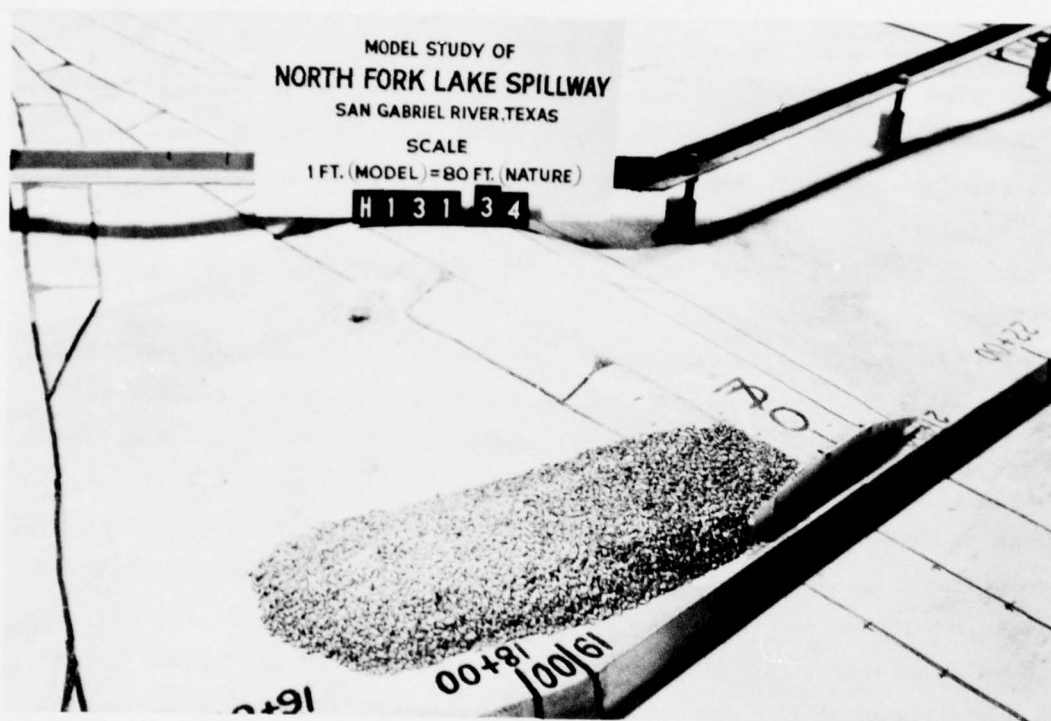


Figure 3. Final design (100-ft-long elliptical dike)  
at left abutment of spillway

## Exit Channel

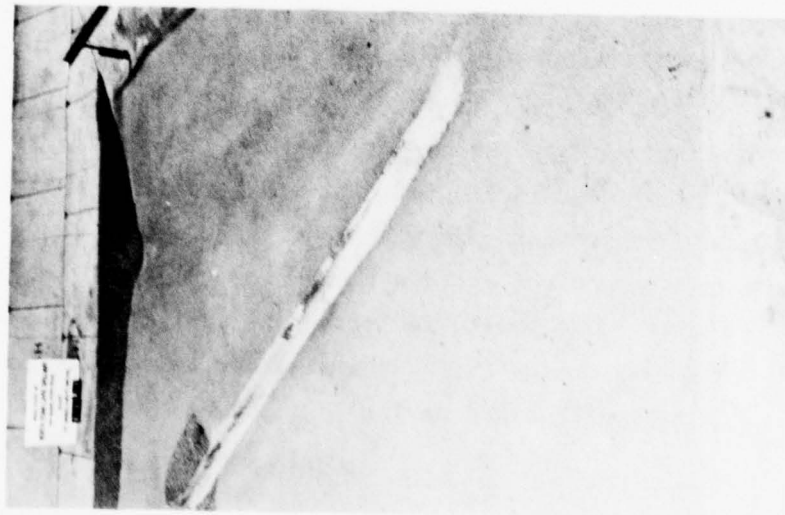
### Original design

16. The exit channel extends from sta 37+00 downstream to the San Gabriel River basin channel, approximately 2800 ft. Flow conditions in the exit channel were observed and measured for several discharges with the original topography simulated in the channel (Photo 6). A discharge of 88,000 cfs produced average velocities of less than 6 fps (prototype) along the downstream toe of the dam embankment (Photo 3 and Plate 4). Average velocities in excess of 25 fps (prototype) were generated along the left bank of the San Gabriel River and the toe of the dam embankment for a discharge of 284,000 cfs (Photo 3 and Plate 4). It was apparent that modifications to the exit channel would be required to eliminate the severe damage caused at the toe of the dam embankment from the highly concentrated velocities produced during the spillway design flood (284,000 cfs).

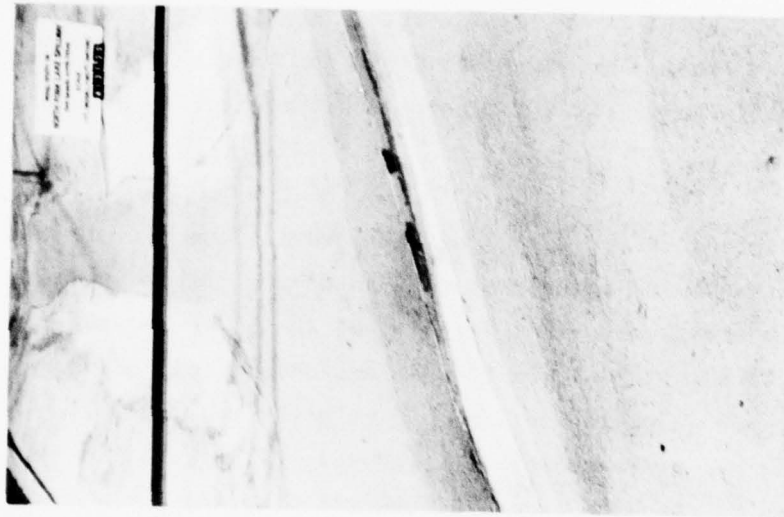
17. Modifications were made to simulate the erodible overburden material in the spillway exit channel and the San Gabriel River basin as shown in Figure 4. Tests were conducted with the original design simulating the 120-hr outflow hydrograph (Table 8) of the spillway design flood (284,000 cfs) for a duration of 8 hr in the model (Photo 7). Velocities, general flow patterns, and surge heights observed and measured during the peak discharge of the hydrograph (284,000 cfs) are shown in Plates 4 and 10. Considerable movement of the riprap occurred along the toe of the dam embankment and a large amount of this riprap, as well as the erodible material, was deposited in the vicinity of the outlet works exit channel (Photo 8). It was concluded that modifications to the exit channel draw would be required to eliminate or reduce the high velocity and circulation pattern which eroded the riprap at the toe of the dam embankment and deposited it in the outlet works exit channel.

### Modification to the exit channel

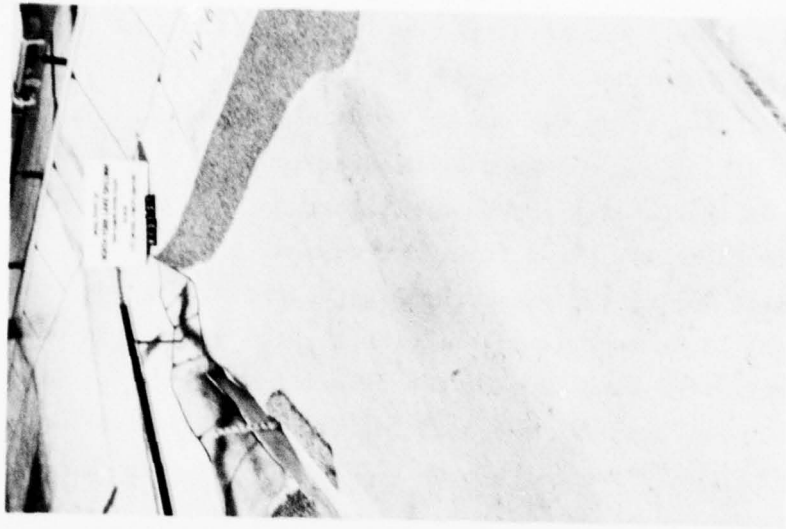
18. Several schemes of excavations along the downstream right



a. San Gabriel River basin



b. Spillway exit channel and outlet works channel



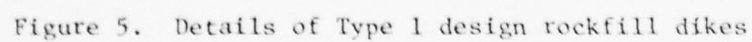
c. Toe of dam embankment and outlet works

Figure 4. Exit channel and San Gabriel River basin sand model

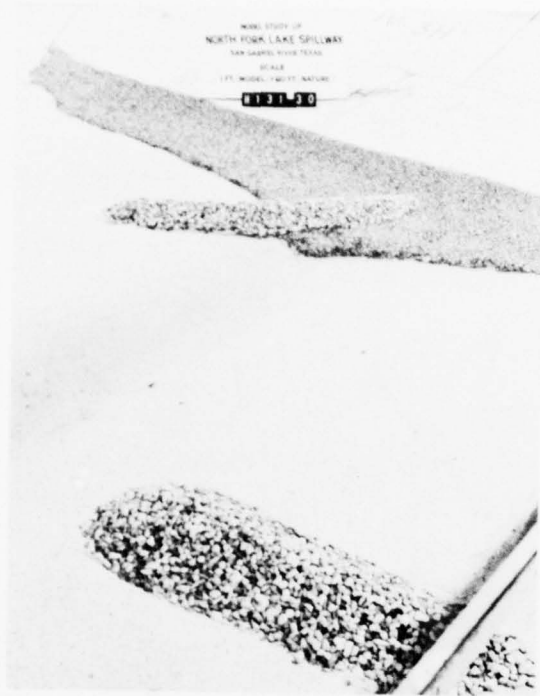
side of the spillway exit channel were investigated to try to develop a satisfactory design which would reduce the magnitude and alter the direction of velocities along the toe of the dam embankment. The most improved flow condition was obtained by excavating approximately 13,000 cu yd of overburden and rock material between sta 48+00 and 57+00 as shown in Plate 11. Velocities and general flow patterns observed and measured during the peak discharge of the hydrograph are shown in Plate 10. This modification to the right bluff of the spillway exit channel reduced the magnitude of the velocities at the toe of the dam embankment by diverting the point of flow concentration approximately 200 ft farther downstream on the left bank of the San Gabriel River. However, it appeared from the above test results that a combination of excavation along the downstream right bluff and two rockfill dikes located along the left bank of the San Gabriel River and the dam embankment would be required to ensure adequate protection of the dam embankment.

#### Rockfill dikes

19. Tests conducted to determine the location and alignment of the two rockfill dikes indicated that the San Gabriel River Dike (No. 1 dike) and the dam embankment dike (No. 2 dike) should be located approximately 600 ft downstream from the dam embankment (el 753) on the left bank of the San Gabriel River and 600 ft downstream from the centerline of the dam at sta 36+65, respectively (Figures 5 and 6). The effectiveness of the Type 1 design rockfill dikes ( $d_{50} = 40$  in.) located along the left bank of the San Gabriel River and the dam embankment, in conjunction with the excavation along the downstream right bluff of the spillway exit channel, is shown in Photo 9. The improved flow conditions resulting with this configuration reduced the magnitude of velocities and altered the direction of flow along the toe of the dam embankment sufficiently to prevent excessive scour (Plate 12). However, the cost of providing the required average stone size ( $d_{50} = 40$  in.) would be extremely high even if the 40-in. stone was available. Therefore, additional tests were conducted to determine the velocities and flow directions associated with dikes having  $d_{50}$  stone of 25 in.







a. Closeup view



b. Overall view

Figure 6. Location of rockfill dikes in the San Gabriel River basin

### Alternative rockfill dikes

20. The Type 2 rockfill dike design is shown in Figure 7. Velocities and general flow patterns observed in the spillway exit channel and the San Gabriel River basin (Plate 12) during the peak discharge of the hydrograph (284,000 cfs) indicated that this design would provide adequate protection along the dam embankment (Photo 10a). The Type 3 design of rockfill dike No. 1, which consisted of a dike length of 150 ft, was insufficient to prevent scour along the toe of the dam embankment (Photo 10b). Results with the Type 4 design (Figures 8 and 9) indicated that this design would provide adequate protection along the dam embankment (Photo 11). Velocities and general flow patterns observed in the spillway exit channel and the San Gabriel River basin during the peak discharge of the hydrograph (284,000 cfs) are shown in Plate 13. These studies indicate that either the Type 2 or Type 4 design dikes consisting of an average stone size ( $d_{50}$ ) of 25 in. would be sufficient to ensure the stability of the dam embankment.

### Rockfill Dike Gradation

#### Upstream left abutment dike

21. Stone protection simulating a  $d_{50}$  stone of 16 in. was used to construct the rockfill dike located at the upstream left abutment of the spillway. Subsequent tests with various rockfill dike designs indicated that stone with an average diameter ( $d_{50}$ ) of 16 in. would remain stable under all anticipated discharges.

22. Based on a  $d_{50}$  of 16 in., the following gradation is considered adequate for stability of the upstream rockfill dike:

<u>Stone Diameter, in.</u>	<u>Percent Finer by Weight</u>
30	85-100
25	50-85
16	15-50
7	0-15

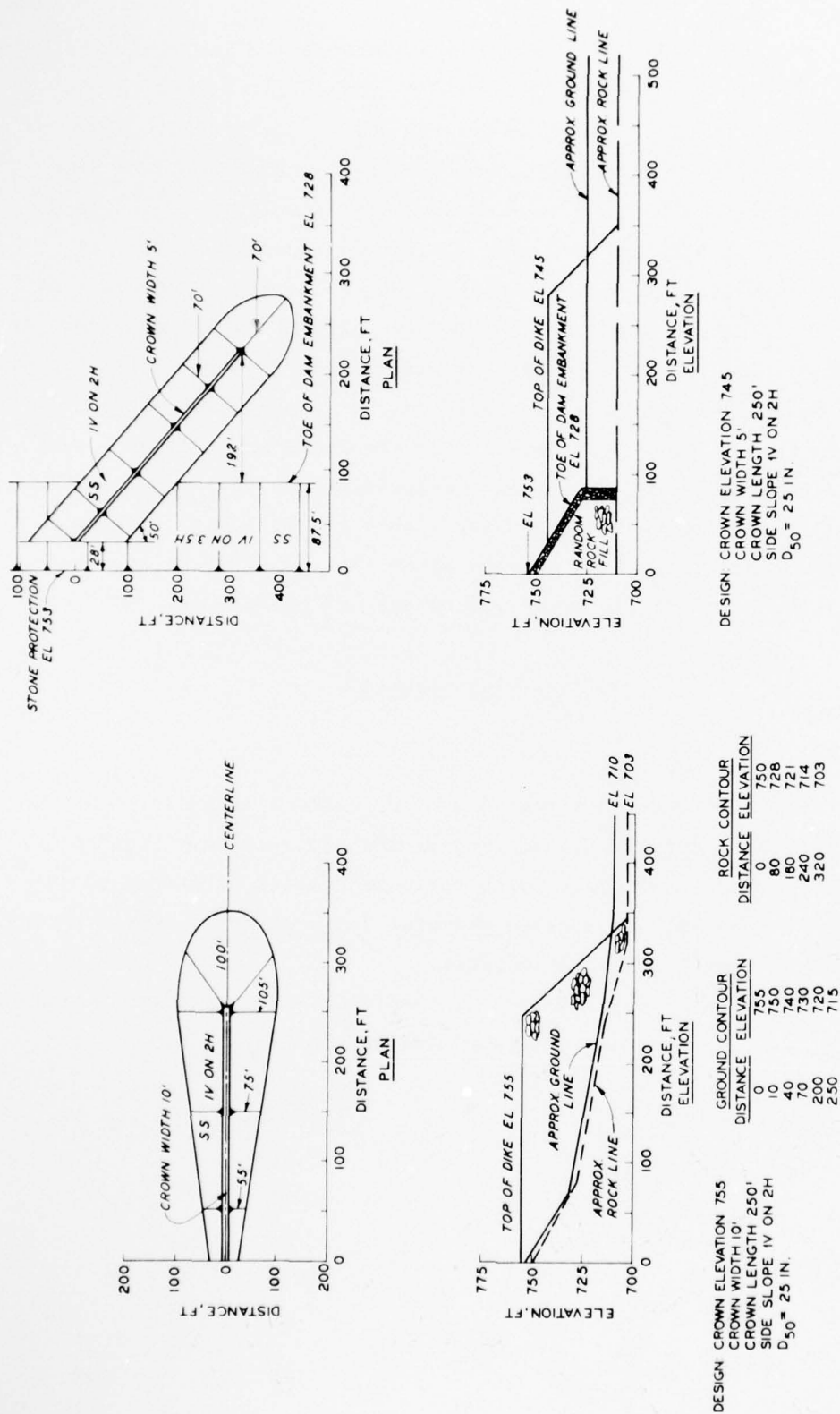
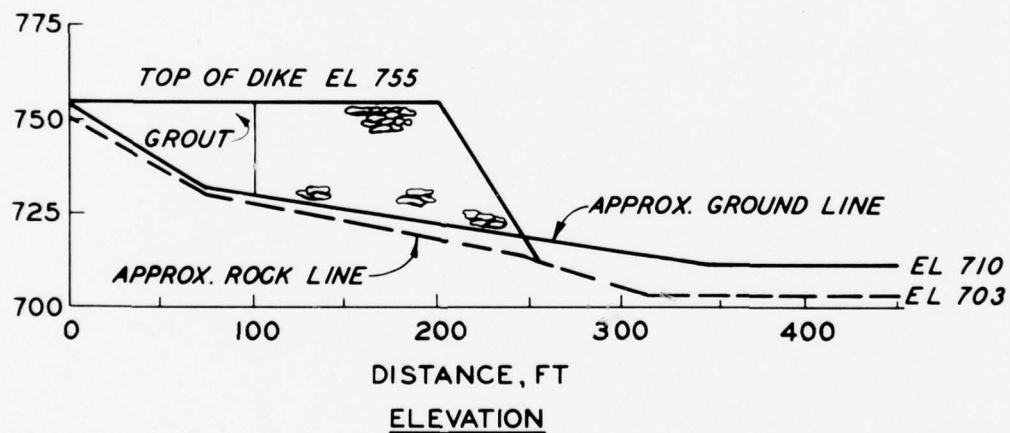
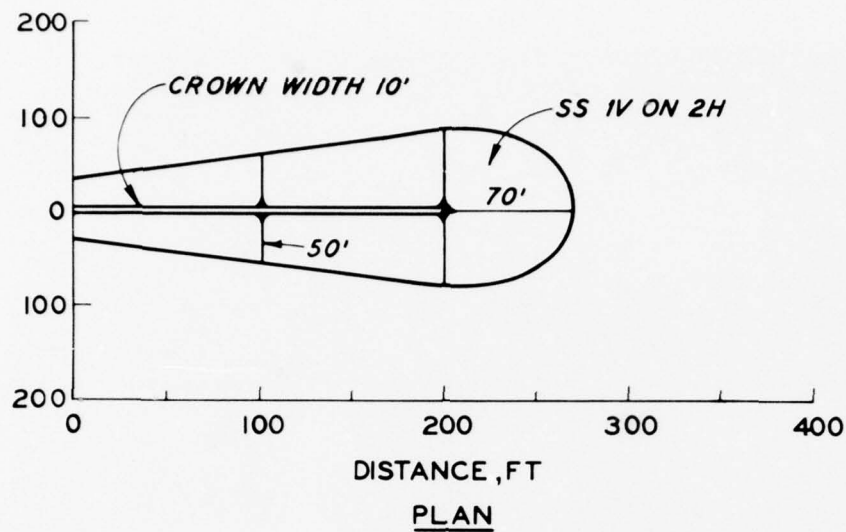


Figure 7. Details of Type 2 design rockfill dikes

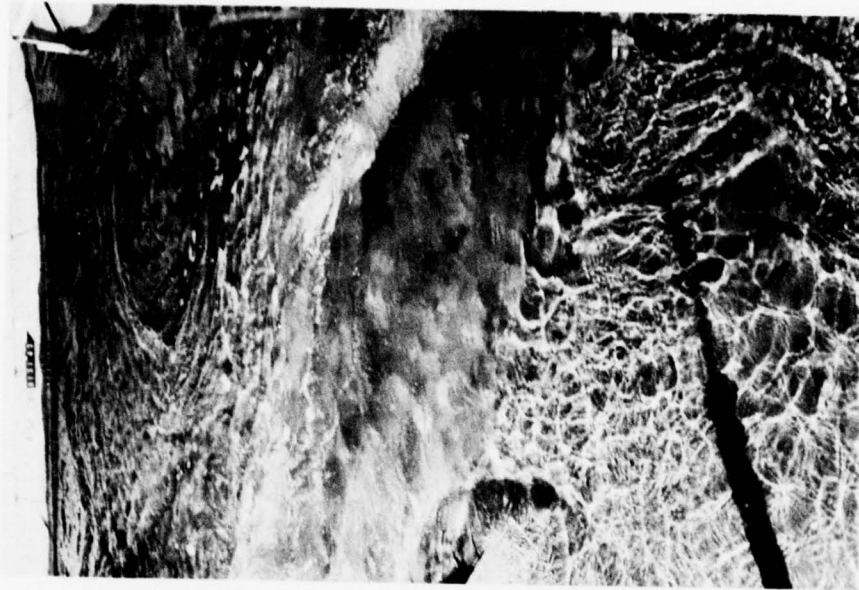


DESIGN: CROWN ELEVATION 755  
 CROWN WIDTH 10'  
 CROWN LENGTH 200', 100' GROUTED  
 SIDE SLOPE 1V ON 2H  
 $D_{50} = 25$  IN.

Figure 8. Details of Type 4 (recommended) design rockfill dike # 1, left bank of San Gabriel River



a. Dry-bed view



b. Discharge, 284,000 cfs;  
pool el, 856.5;  
tailwater el, 752.0

Figure 9. Type 4 (recommended) design rockfill dikes



Downstream San Gabriel  
River dikes

23. Model results indicate that the downstream San Gabriel River dikes (Figures 7 and 8) constructed of  $d_{50}$  stone of 25 in. would provide adequate protection along the toe of the dam embankment. The following gradation is recommended based on a  $d_{50}$  of 25 in. for these dikes:

<u>Stone Diameter, in.</u>	<u>Percent Finer by Weight</u>
45	85-100
40	50-85
25	15-50
11	0-15

#### PART IV: DISCUSSION

24. The hydraulic model investigation of the North Fork Lake Spillway revealed the general adequacy of the overall design of the structure and discharge channels. Minor modifications were required in the vicinity of the upstream left abutment to improve the hydraulic performance and provide protection for the dam embankment and retaining wall. Major modifications were required in the exit channel and along the left bank of the San Gabriel River to provide adequate protection of the downstream dam embankment.

25. The performance of the spillway crest design was satisfactory, and no alterations were made during the study. However, the model indicated that flow concentrated along the right side of the spillway channel downstream from the control weir. This situation caused flooding in the ravine located to the right of the spillway channel and irregular flow patterns in the exit channel below the spillway. This condition was expected and would be permissible in the prototype and therefore no alterations were considered in the model.

26. Although the original proposed rockfill dike located at the upstream left abutment of the spillway performed satisfactorily to provide adequate protection of the dam embankment and retaining wall, it was found that better economics and flow conditions in the vicinity of the south access road approach to the spillway could be effected by reducing the overall dimensions of the rockfill dike structure. Several dike designs were studied which sufficiently reduced the magnitude of the average velocities in the vicinity of the spillway left abutment while providing adequate protection of the dam embankment and retaining wall. The 100-ft-long elliptical shaped dike design (Plate 9) provided a more uniform flow distribution along the left side of the spillway approach channel and, therefore, is the recommended design.

27. The model study also indicated that additional protection would be required in the exit channel and the San Gabriel River basin to ensure the stability of the dam embankment against scour. Excavation along the downstream right bluff of the spillway exit channel and two

rockfill dikes located along the left bank of the San Gabriel River (No. 1 dike) and the dam embankment (No. 2 dike) will provide adequate protection of the dam embankment. These studies indicated that either the Type 2 or Type 4 design dikes constructed of riprap with an average diameter of 25 in. would be sufficient to ensure the stability of the dam embankment. It is the opinion of WES hydraulic engineers that the Type 4 design will provide additional protection due to the grouting of the 100-ft length of dike No. 1 adjacent to the left riverbank and, therefore, it is the recommended design. In addition, modifications were made to the original plans and specifications for the dam embankment construction to include the excavation of the overburden material and placement of additional stone protection at the toe of the dam embankment to existing rock.

### Velocity and Flow Observations at the Spillway

Discharge: 78,000 cfs - Design: Original - Pool El: 844.2 - Tailwater El: 728.0

Station No.	Distance From Centerline, ft		Direction Measured in Degrees		Average Velocity fps
	Left	Right	Right	Left	
20-00		50	5		12.4
		100	5		12.0
		150	5		12.0
		200	10		11.8
		250	10		11.5
		300	10		11.2
		350	5		11.2
		400	10		11.2
		450	5		10.9
		495	0		10.9
			0		12.5
			0		12.9
		150	5		13.0
		200	10		13.0
		250	10		13.4
		300	10		13.7
		350	5		13.7
		400	0		13.9
		450	0		13.2
		495	0		6.4
			0		
			0		
			0		
			0		
20-50		50	5		12.5
		100	5		12.0
		150	5		13.1
		200	5		13.2
		250	5		13.7
		300	5		14.0
		350	5		14.2
		400	0		14.2
		450	0		14.0
		495	0		9.8
			0		
			0		
21-00		50	5		12.5
		100	5		13.0
		150	5		13.7
		200	10		13.7
		250	10		13.9
		300	10		14.4
		350	10		14.8
		400	5		15.0
		450	0		14.5
		495	0		10.0
			0		
			0		

Note: Velocity directions were measured from a line perpendicular to the crest axis.

Table 2

## Velocity and Flow Observations at the Spillway

Discharge: 88,000 cfs - Design: Original - Pool El: 845.0 - Tailwater: 731.0

Station No.	Distance from Centerline, ft		Direction Measured in Degrees	Average Velocity fps	Station No.	Distance from Centerline, ft		Direction Measured in Degrees	Average Velocity fps	Station No.	Distance from Centerline, ft		Direction Measured in Degrees	Average Velocity fps
	Left	Right				Left	Right				Left	Right		
20+00			10	12.4	20+50			5	13.0	21+00			5	14.7
	50		10	12.4		50		5	13.2		50		5	15.0
	100		10	12.4		100		5	13.2		100		5	15.0
	150		10	12.0		150		5	13.0		150		10	14.4
	200		10	12.0		200		5	13.2		200		10	14.4
	250		10	12.0		250		5	12.4		250		10	14.0
	300		10	12.0		300		5	12.4		300		10	14.0
	350		10	12.0		350		5	12.4		350		10	14.0
	400		5	12.0		400		0	12.0		400		5	14.0
	450		0	11.8		450		0	11.5		450		0	14.0
	495		0	11.5		495		0	11.5		495		0	13.7
	50		10	13.2		50		10	13.2		50		5	14.7
	100		10	13.2		100		10	13.7		100		5	14.7
	150		10	13.2		150		10	13.7		150		10	14.7
	200		10	14.0		200		10	13.7		200		10	15.0
	250		10	14.0		250		10	14.0		250		10	15.0
	300		10	14.0		300		10	15.0		300		10	15.8
	350		10	14.0		350		10	15.8		350		10	17.0
	400		5	14.0		400		5	15.8		400		5	17.0
	450		5	14.4		450		0	15.4		450		5	16.4
	495		0	7.8		495		0	10.7		495		0	15.8

Note: Velocity directions were measured from a line perpendicular to the crest axis.



Table 3

## Velocity and Flow Observations at the Spillway

Discharge: 284,000 cfs - Design: Original - Pool El: 856.6 - Tailwater El: 752.0

Station No.	Distance from Centerline, ft		Direction Measured in Degrees		Average Velocity fps	Station No.	Distance from Centerline, ft		Direction Measured in Degrees		Average Velocity fps	Station No.	Distance from Centerline, ft		Direction Measured in Degrees		Average Velocity fps
	Left	Right	Right	Left			Left	Right	Right	Left			Left	Right	Right	Left	
20+00			0		19.0				0		20.0	21+00			0		20.3
	50		5		18.8		50		0		19.0			50	0		20.1
	100		10		18.0		100		5		18.5			100	5		20.1
	150		10		17.5		150		5		18.5			150	10		20.0
	200		10		17.6		200		5		18.0			200	10		20.0
	250		5		17.5		250		5		18.0			250	10		20.1
	300		5		17.0		300		5		18.0			300	15		20.1
	350		5		16.8		350		5		18.0			350	10		20.1
	400		5		16.5		400		10		17.8			400	5		20.1
	450		0		16.3		450		0		17.7			450	5		19.3
	495		0		16.0		495		0		17.6			495	0		19.3
			10		19.0		50		0		20.5		50		5		20.5
	100		10		19.0		100		5		21.0		100		5		21.4
	150		10		19.2		150		10		21.4		150		10		23.0
	200		10		20.2		200		10		21.8		200		10		23.3
	250		15		21.0		250		10		23.4		250		10		24.4
	300		15		21.8		300		5		24.5		300		10		25.0
	350		15		23.1		350		5		23.4		350		10		25.6
	400		10		15.0		400		5		18.5		400		10		19.5
	450		0		13.7		450		0		16.4		450		0		17.8
	495		0		13.0		495		0		10.2		495		0		11.5

Note: Velocity directions were measured from a line perpendicular to the crest axis.

Table 4

## Velocity and Flow Observations at the Spillway

Station No.	Distance from Centerline, ft		Direction Measured in Degrees		Average Velocity f/s
	Left	Right	Left	Right	
Discharge: 100,000 cfs - Design: Original - Pool El: 846.0 - Tailwater El: 732.0					
20+50			0		13.7
	50		0		13.2
	100		0		13.2
	150		0		13.7
	200		0		14.0
	250		0		13.7
	300		0		13.2
	350		0		13.0
	400		0		13.0
	450		0		13.0
	495		0		13.0
	50		355		13.0
	100		355		13.2
	150		355		14.0
	200		355		15.0
	250		355		16.0
	300		355		16.4
	350		0		16.7
	400		0		16.4
	450		0		16.0
	495		0		7.2
Discharge: 150,000 cfs - Design: Original - Pool El: 849.2 - Tailwater El: 739.0					
20+50			355		15.8
	50		355		15.4
	100		355		15.4
	150		355		15.0
	200		355		14.4
	250		0		14.7
	300		0		15.0
	350		0		15.0
	400		0		14.4
	450		0		14.4
	495		0		14.4
	50		355		15.4
	100		355		16.4
	150		355		17.6
	200		355		17.6
	250		355		19.0
	300		355		19.3
	350		0		19.3
	400		0		19.5
	450		5		18.5
	495		0		8.4
Discharge: 190,000 cfs - Design: Original - Pool El: 851.6 - Tailwater El: 743.4					
20+50			355		17.0
	50		355		16.0
	100		355		15.8
	150		355		15.4
	200		355		15.4
	250		355		15.8
	300		0		16.0
	350		0		15.8
	400		0		15.4
	450		0		15.4
	495		0		15.8
	50		355		17.0
	100		355		17.8
	150		355		18.5
	200		355		20.1
	250		355		20.1
	300		355		20.1
	350		0		20.3
	400		0		22.0
	450		0		14.0
	495		0		9.6

Note: Velocity directions were measured from a line perpendicular to the crest axis.

Table 5  
Water Surface Elevations Along Centerline of Spillway Crest  
Crest Elevation 834.0

Station No.	Distance from Centerline, ft		Water Surface Elevation Above Crest	Station No.	Distance from Centerline, ft		Water Surface Elevation Above Crest	Station No.	Distance from Centerline, ft		Water Surface Elevation Above Crest
	Left	Right			Left	Right			Left	Right	
20+50	Discharge: 78,000 cfs Pool Elevation: 844.2 ft		840.64	20+50	Discharge: 88,000 cfs Pool Elevation: 845.0 ft		840.88	20+50	Discharge: 100,000 cfs Pool Elevation: 846.0 ft		842.08
	50		840.64		50		840.80		50		841.84
	100		840.72		100		840.96		100		841.92
	150		840.88		150		841.12		150		841.92
	200		840.88		200		841.12		200		841.92
	250		840.96		250		841.20		250		841.92
	300		841.04		300		841.28		300		842.00
	350		841.12		350		841.36		350		842.00
	400		841.20		400		841.36		400		842.08
	450		840.88		450		841.44		450		842.08
	495		840.88		495		841.44		495		842.08
	50		840.48		50		840.88		50		842.00
	100		840.56		100		840.80		100		841.68
	150		840.46		150		840.64		150		841.04
	200		840.16		200		840.32		200		840.94
	250		839.50		250		839.68		250		840.40
	300		839.48		300		839.68		300		840.40
	350		839.36		350		839.52		350		840.16
	400		839.13		400		839.28		400		839.76
	450		839.35		450		839.44		450		840.24
	495		839.32		495		839.44		495		840.16

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Table 5 (Concluded)

Station No.	Distance from Centerline, ft		Water Surface Elevation Above Crest	Station No.	Distance from Centerline, ft		Water Surface Elevation Above Crest	Station No.	Distance from Centerline, ft		Water Surface Elevation Above Crest
	Left	Right			Left	Right			Left	Right	
20+50	Discharge: 150,000 cfs Pool Elevation: 849.2 ft		844.00	20+50	Discharge: 190,000 cfs Pool Elevation: 851.6 ft		846.32	20+50	Discharge: 284,000 cfs Pool Elevation: 856.6 ft		848.8
	50		844.40		50		846.32		50		849.2
	100		844.55		100		846.40		100		849.6
	150		844.48		150		846.55		150		849.8
	200		844.40		200		846.88		200		850.0
	250		844.40		250		846.88		250		850.2
	300		844.32		300		846.88		300		850.4
	350		844.32		350		846.88		350		850.6
	400		844.32		400		846.88		400		850.6
	450		844.24		450		846.80		450		850.6
	495		844.32		495		846.88		495		850.7
	50		843.68		50		845.44		50		848.4
	100		843.20		100		845.12		100		847.9
	150		842.80		150		844.48		150		847.4
	200		842.80		200		844.32		200		847.3
	250		841.92		250		843.60		250		846.6
	300		841.68		300		843.44		300		845.5
	350		841.36		350		842.80		350		844.6
	400		840.72		400		841.36		400		843.4
	450		840.64		450		841.12		450		842.3
	495		840.80		495		841.12		495		841.2

Table 6  
Basic Uncontrolled Spillway Rating  
Data Obtained from Model

<u>Discharge</u> <u>cfs</u>	<u>Pool Elevation</u> <u>ft above msl</u>	<u>Head on Crest</u> <u>ft</u>
8,500	837.2	3.20
15,250	838.0	4.00
20,000	838.6	4.48
24,000	838.9	4.96
29,000	839.6	5.60
46,500	841.2	7.20
80,600	844.0	10.00
105,000	845.7	11.68
125,000	847.4	13.40
150,000	849.0	15.00
180,000	850.9	16.90
230,000	853.7	19.68
275,000	855.9	21.92
295,000	856.9	22.96



Table 7

1:80-Scale Model Test Conditions and Results Simulating the Proposed Rockfill Dikes  
for Protection of the Upstream Left Abutment of the Spillway

Spillway Design Flood: 284,000 cfs

Spillway Station No.	Distance from Centerline, ft	Original Proposed Rockfill Dike	Velocity, fps			
			Dike 1* 100'-Elliptical	Dike 2 100'-Straight	Dike 3 150'-Elliptical	
20+50	425	19.5	14.5	14.5	16.0	
	450	17.8	11.2	9.2	9.2	
	490	11.5	11.2	6.8	6.8	
20+00	425	21.5	13.0	14.5	16.0	
	450	11.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	
	495	11.1	9.2	6.8	6.8	
19+00	425	22.5	9.2	14.5	21.0	
	250	9.6	6.8	6.8	9.2	
	495	9.6	6.8	14.5	6.8	
	515	17.5	14.5	16.0	12.0	
18+00	425	23.5	13.0	14.5	25.0	
	450	11.5	11.2	9.2	9.2	
	495	10.4	11.2	19.0	6.9	
	510	16.4	14.5	13.0	13.0	
	575	7.8	9.2	6.8	8.3	

\*Recommended design.

Table 8  
Inflow-Outflow Hydrologic Data  
for North Fork Lake Spillway

Time hr	Inflow cfs	Outflow cfs	Storage acre-ft	Pool Elevation ft
3	400	69	130,891	834.03
6	1,500	314	131,216	834.13
9	3,500	861	131,938	834.34
12	6,250	1,615	132,932	834.65
15	7,000	2,540	134,153	835.02
18	9,650	3,750	135,764	835.50
21	12,500	5,546	137,710	836.09
24	15,150	8,994	139,664	836.67
27	18,200	12,299	141,536	837.22
30	21,350	15,546	143,376	837.78
33	30,000	21,617	146,184	838.57
36	51,900	35,886	151,898	840.19
39	132,900	88,449	169,433	844.77
42	202,500	158,093	189,079	849.44
45	300,900	249,769	213,118	854.59
48	299,500	282,687	221,340	856.24
51	140,650	190,112	197,576	851.32
54	59,650	108,417	175,357	846.23
57	28,850	62,488	161,324	842.71
60	12,000	36,302	132,032	840.23
63	4,250	21,289	145,967	838.58
66	700	12,936	141,897	837.32
69	0	8,292	139,266	836.55
72	0	6,316	137,579	836.05
75	0	4,238	136,395	835.70
78	0	3,510	135,434	835.40
81	0	2,908	134,639	835.18
84	0	2,408	133,980	834.96

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Table 8 (Concluded)

Time hr	Inflow cfs	Outflow cfs	Storage acre-ft	Pool Elevation ft
87	0	1,995	133,434	834.80
90	0	1,652	132,982	834.85
93	0	1,369	132,607	834.55
96	0	1,134	132,297	834.45
99	0	939	132,040	834.38
102	0	778	131,827	834.31
105	0	644	131,631	834.26
108	0	534	131,505	834.21
111	0	442	131,384	834.18
114	0	366	131,284	834.15
117	0	303	131,201	834.12
120	0	231	131,132	834.10

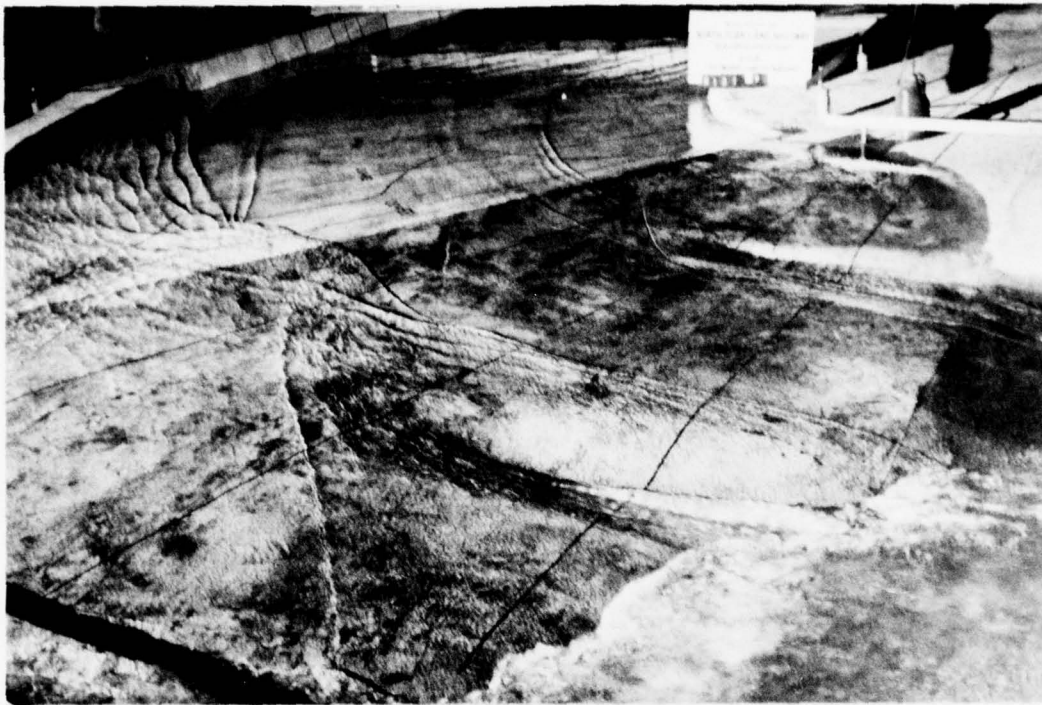


a. Discharge, 88,000 cfs; pool el, 845.0; tailwater el, 731.0



b. Discharge, 284,000 cfs; pool el, 856.6; tailwater el, 752.0

Photo 1. Flow conditions in the approach channel and at left abutment



a. Discharge, 88,000 cfs; pool el, 845.0; tailwater el, 731.0



b. Discharge, 284,000 cfs; pool el, 856.6; tailwater el, 752.0

Photo 2. Flow conditions in spillway discharge channel



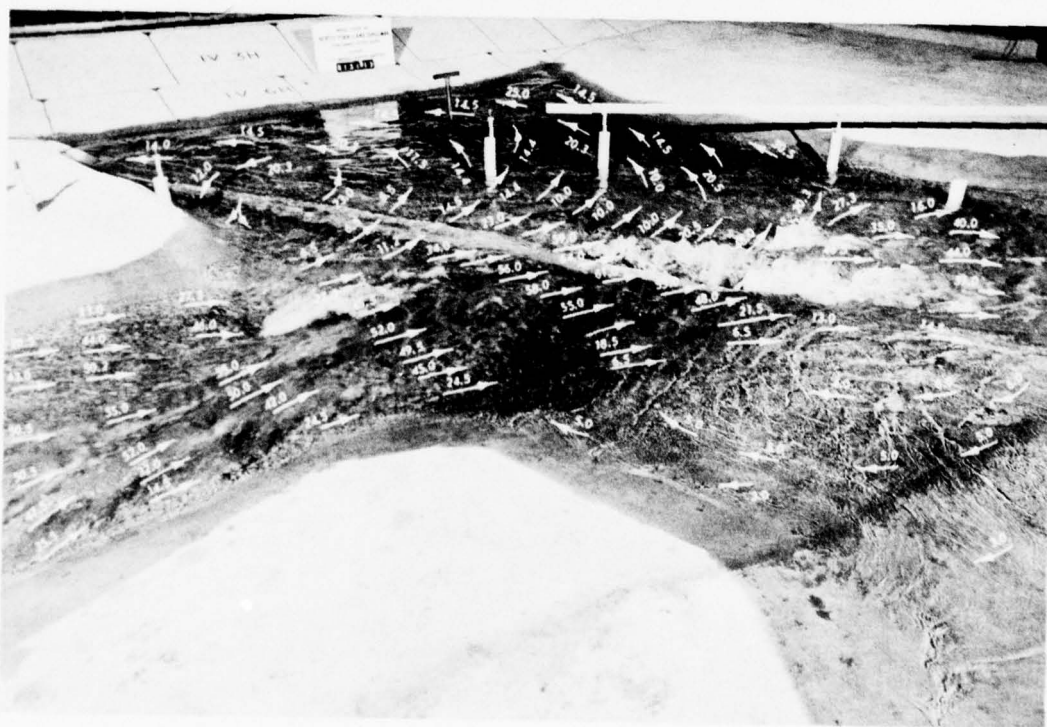


c. Discharge, 284,000 cfs; pool el, 856.6; tailwater el, 752.0

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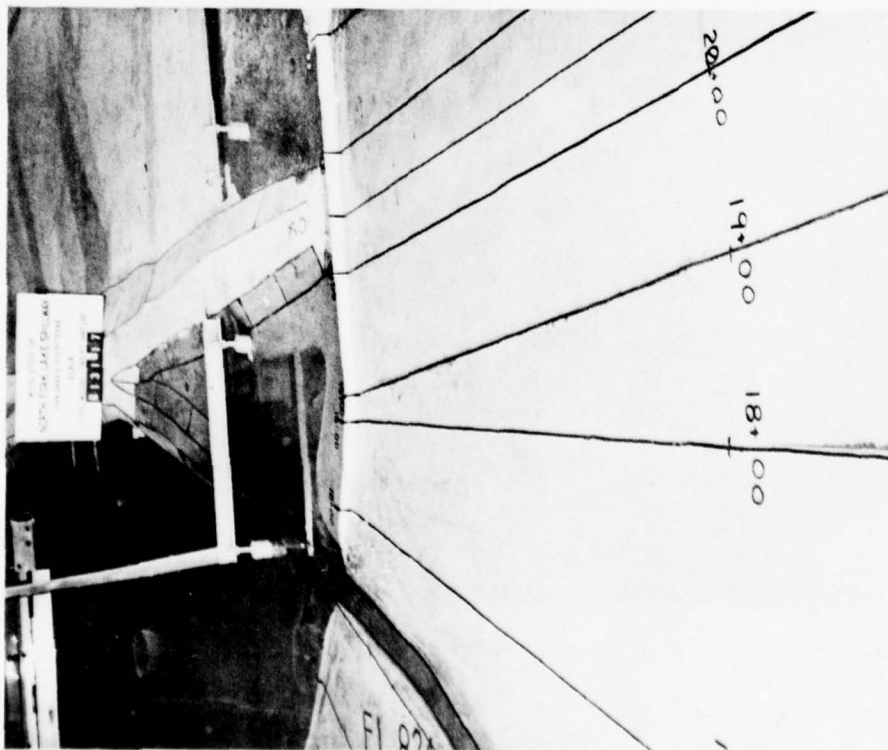


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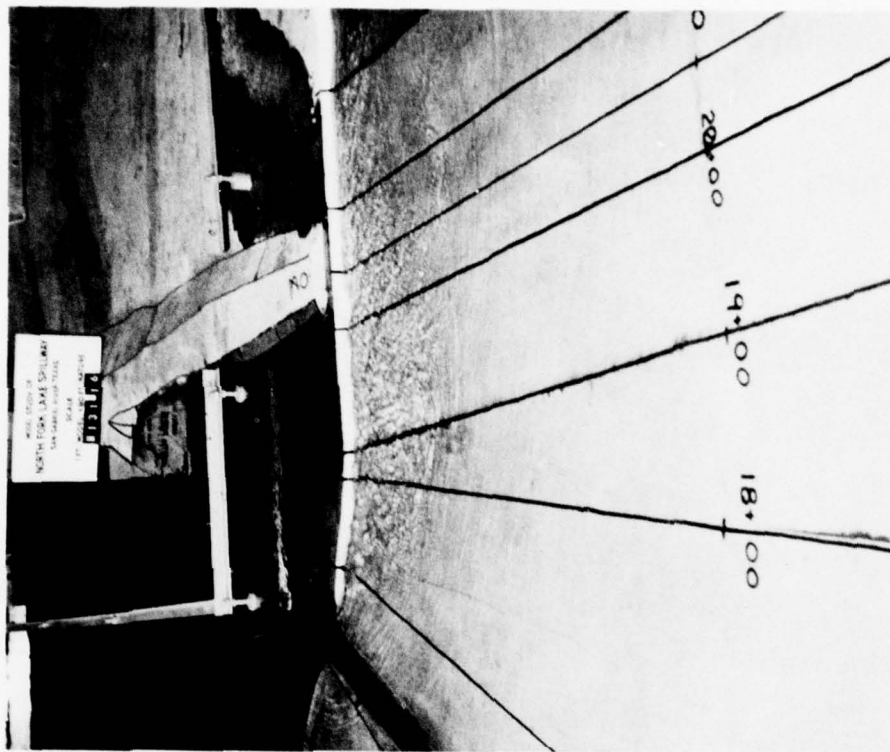


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Photo 3. Flow conditions in the spillway exit channel and San Gabriel River basin, velocity and flow patterns

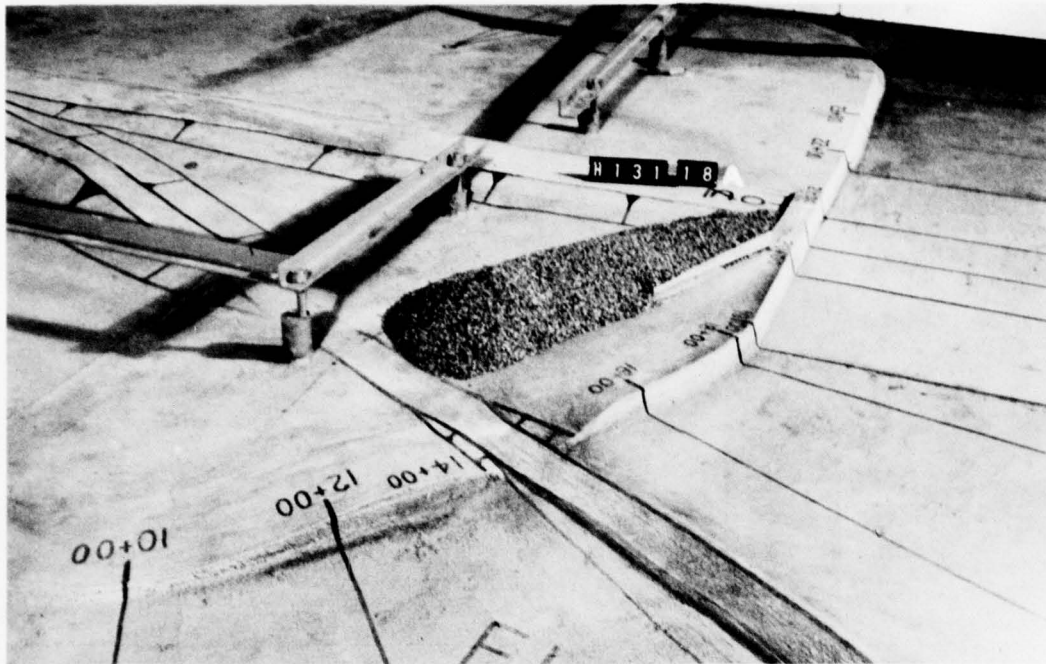


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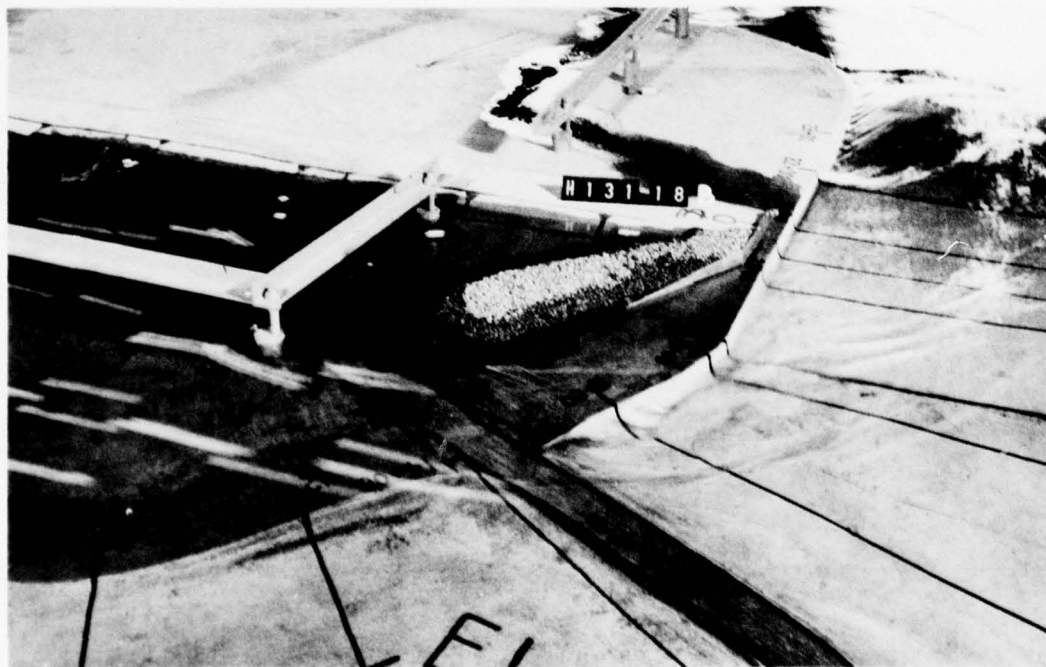


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Photo 4. Flow conditions at the left abutment of the spillway



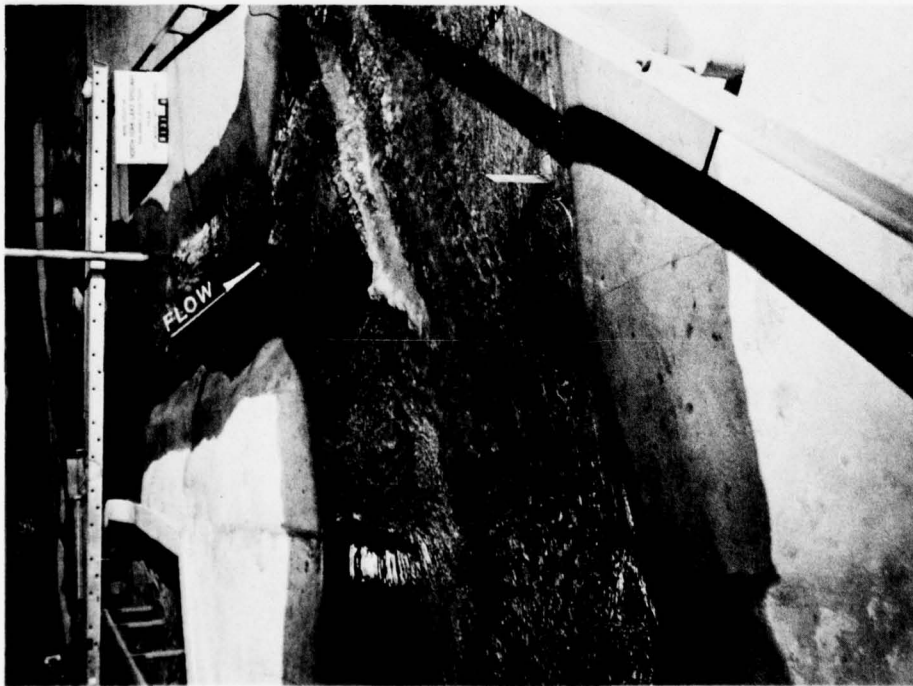
a. Dry-bed view



b. Discharge, 284,000 cfs; pool el, 856.6; tailwater el, 752.0

Photo 5. Proposed rockfill dike (original) at left abutment of spillway





a. Discharge, 78,000 cfs; pool el, 844.2; tailwater el, 728.0



b. Discharge, 284,000 cfs; pool el, 856.6; tailwater el, 752.0

Photo 6. Flow conditions in the exit channel and San Gabriel River basin



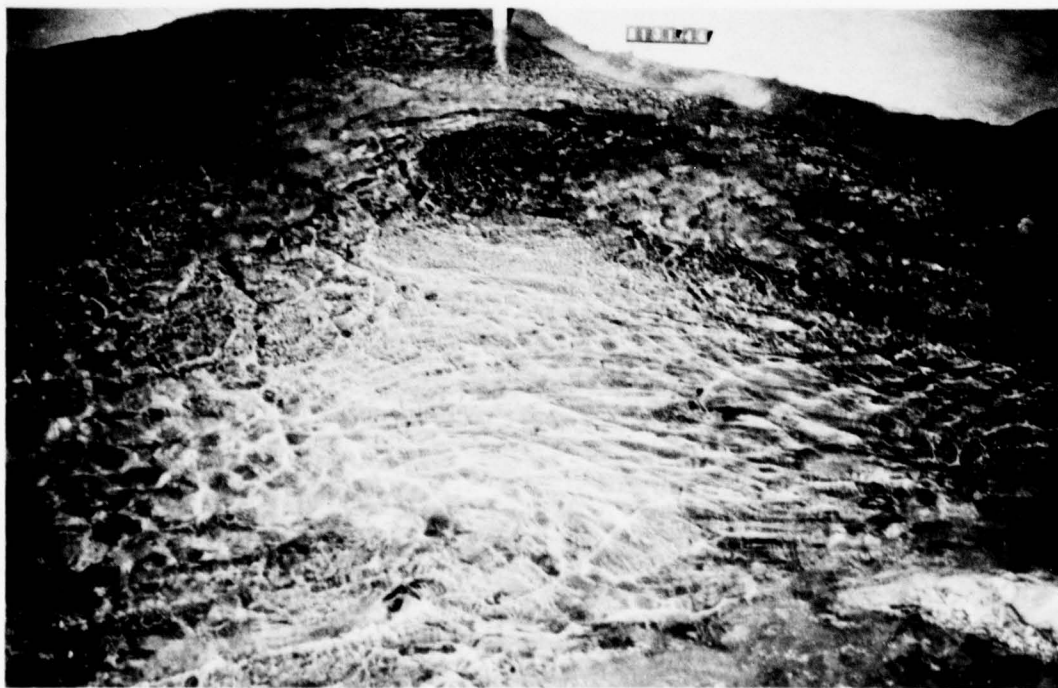
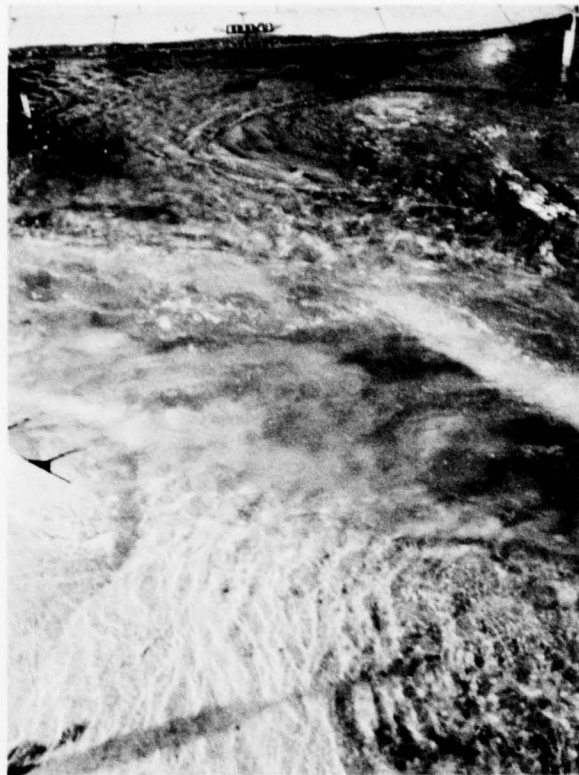


Photo 7. Flow characteristics for spillway design flood. Discharge, 284,000 cfs; pool el, 856.5; tailwater el, 752.0



Exit channel



San Gabriel River basin

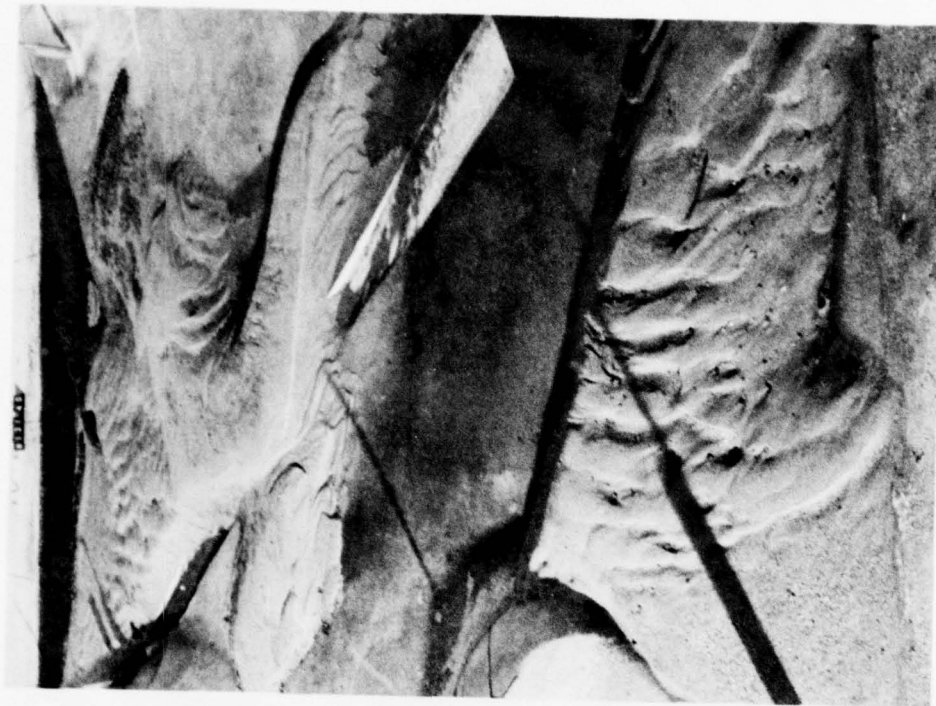
Photo 8. San Gabriel River basin scour resulting from 120-hour hydrograph; peak discharge of 284,000 cfs (8-hr model test duration)



Photo 9. Exit channel and San Gabriel River basin scour with rockfill dikes (type 1 design), rock size  $d_{50} = 40$  in., resulting from 120-hour hydrograph, peak discharge of 284,000 cfs (8-hr model test duration)



a. Type 2 design rockfill dikes



b. Type 3 design rockfill dikes

Photo 10. Exit channel and San Gabriel River basin scour resulting from 120-hour hydrograph,  
peak discharge of 284,000 cfs (8-hr model test duration)





Photo 11. Exit channel and San Gabriel River basin scour with recommended rockfill dikes (type 4 design), rock size  $d_{50} = 25$  in., resulting from 120-hour hydrograph, peak discharge of 284,000 cfs (8-hr model test duration) (sheet 1 of 3)





Photo 11 (sheet 2 of 3)

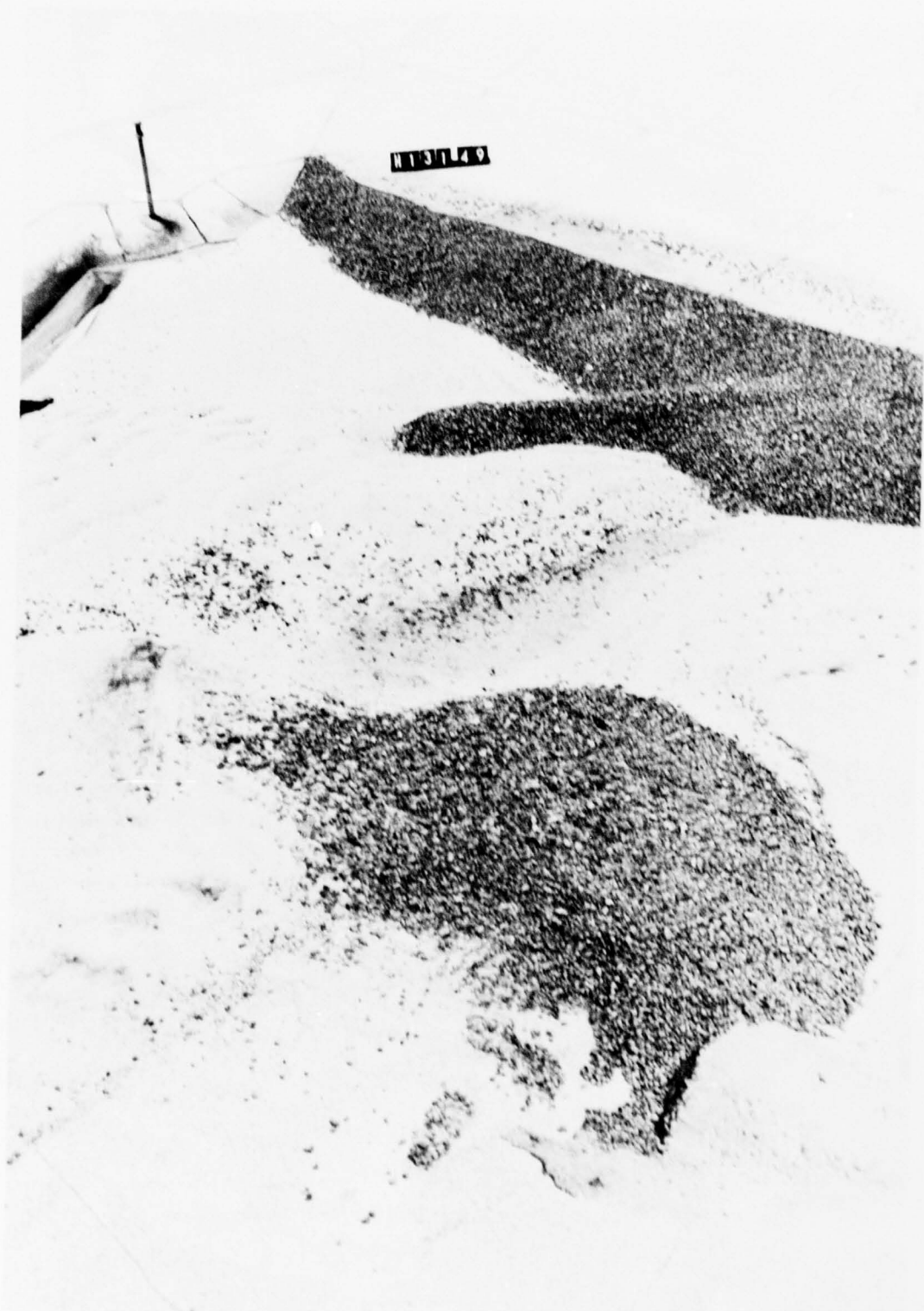
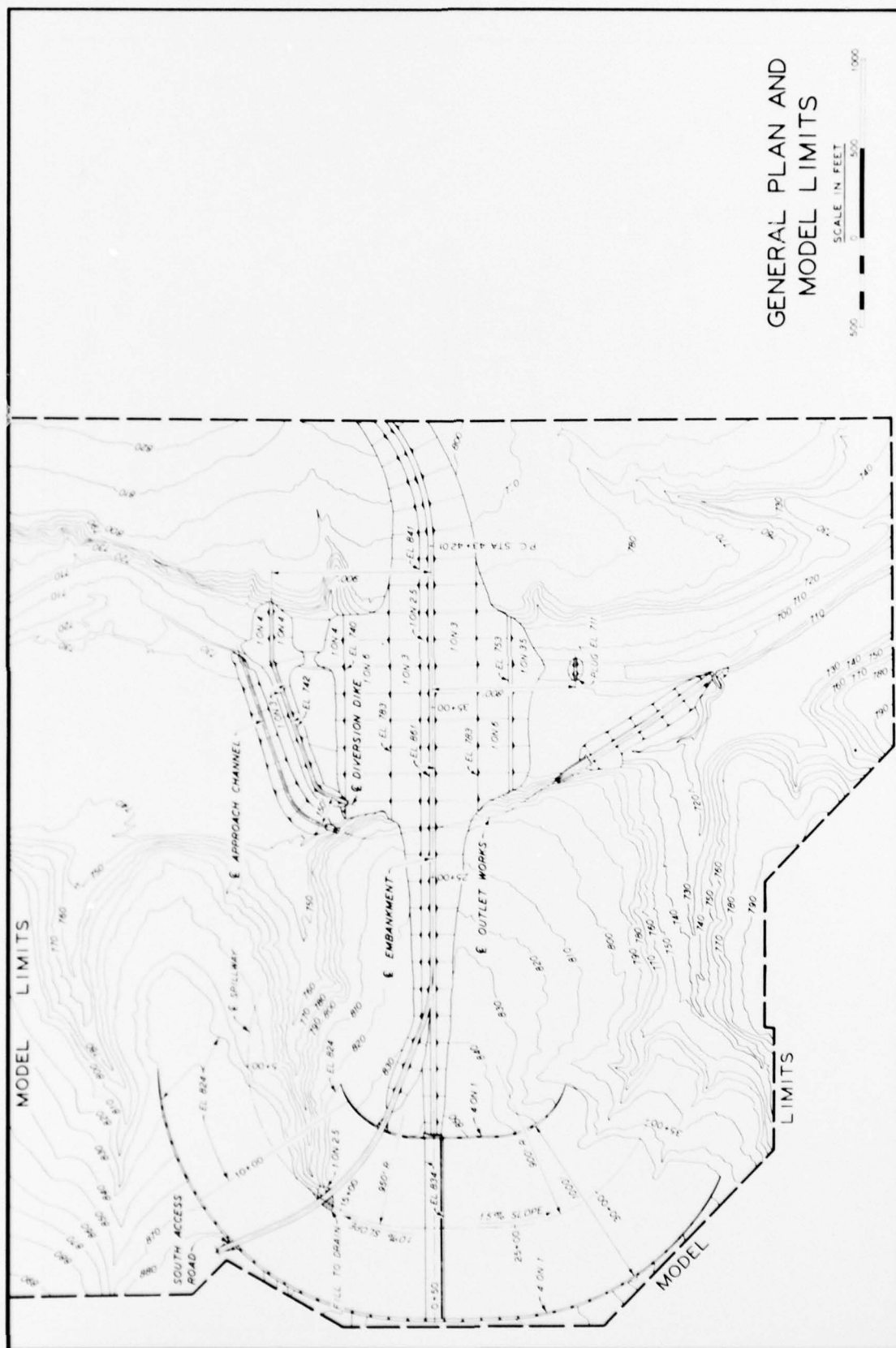


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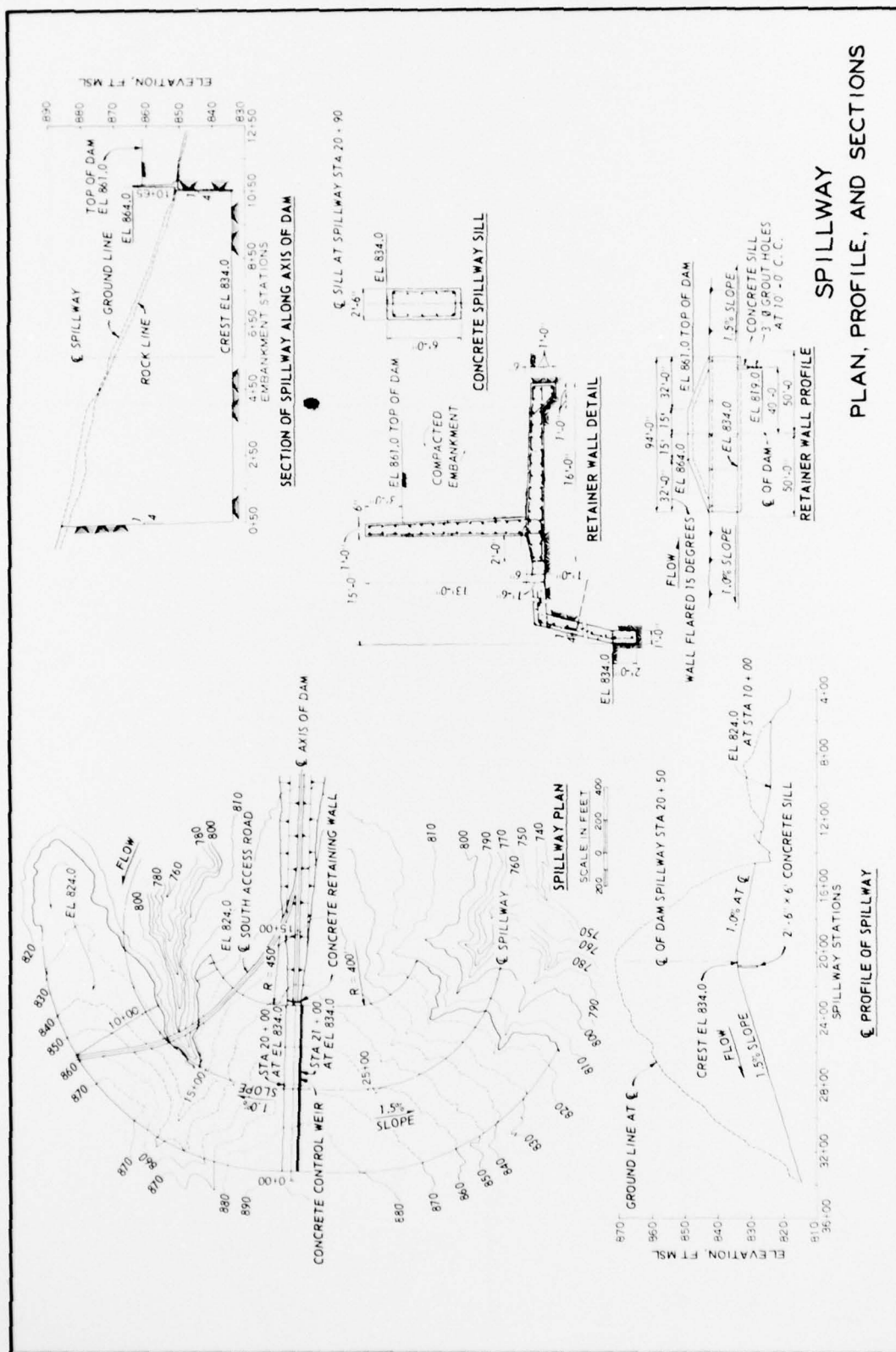
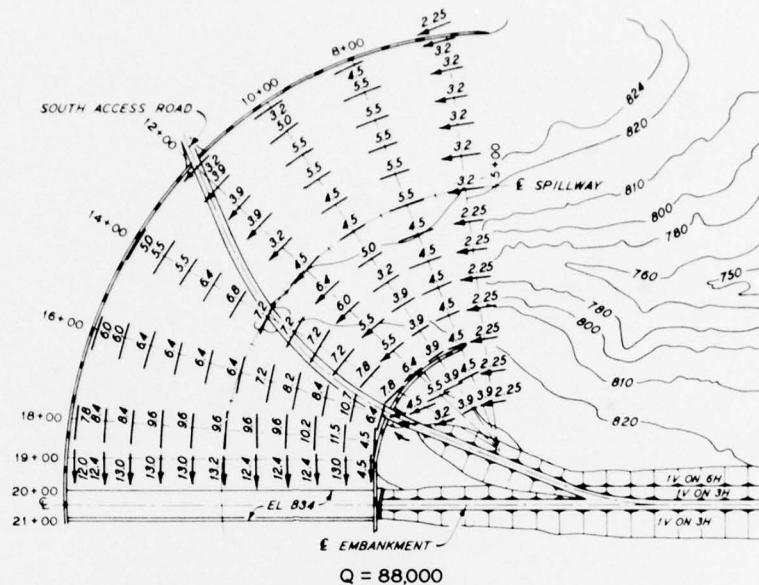


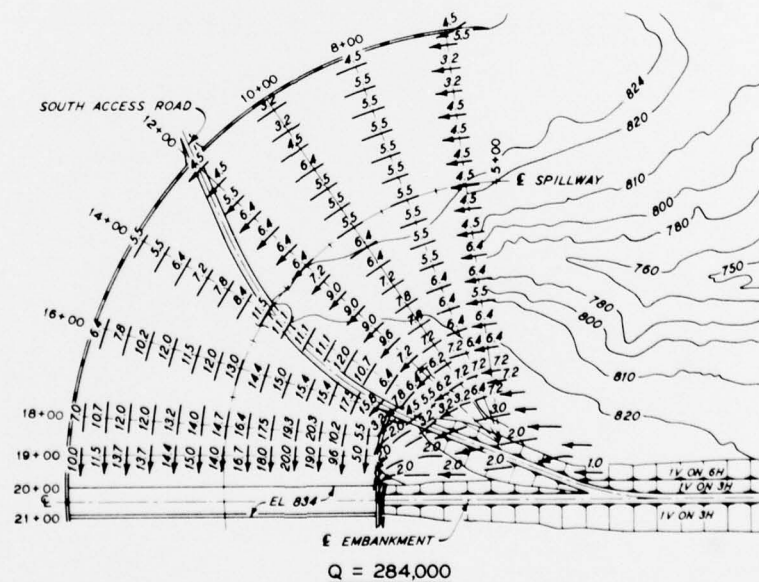
PLATE 2





**TEST CONDITIONS**

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POOL ELEVATION 845.0 FT



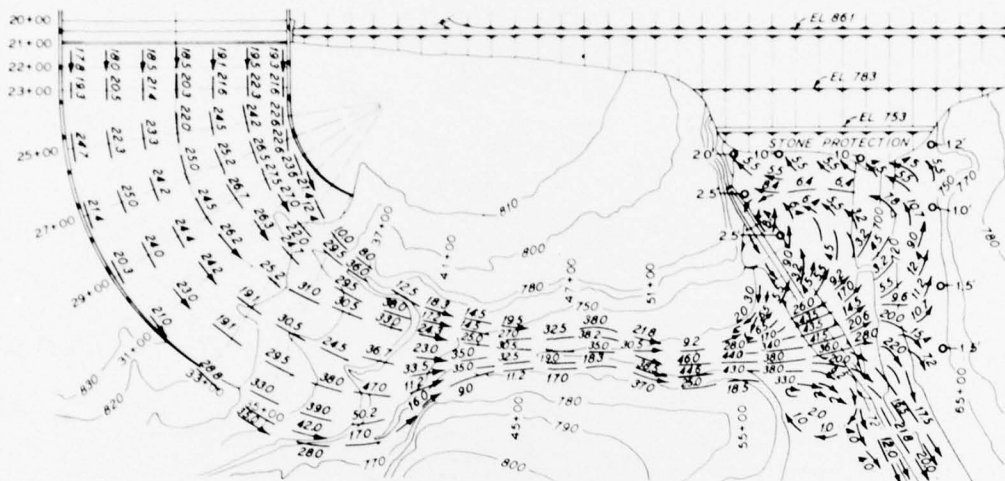
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NOTE: ALL VELOCITIES ARE IN  
PROTOTYPE FEET PER SECOND

**VELOCITY AND FLOW PATTERNS  
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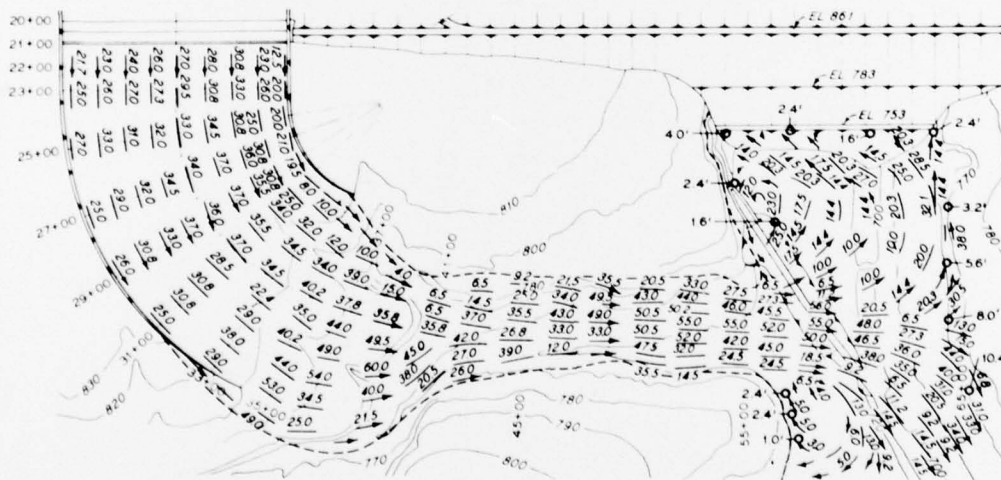




$Q = 88,000$

**TEST CONDITIONS**

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 POOL ELEVATION 8450 FT  
 TAILWATER EL 7310 FT



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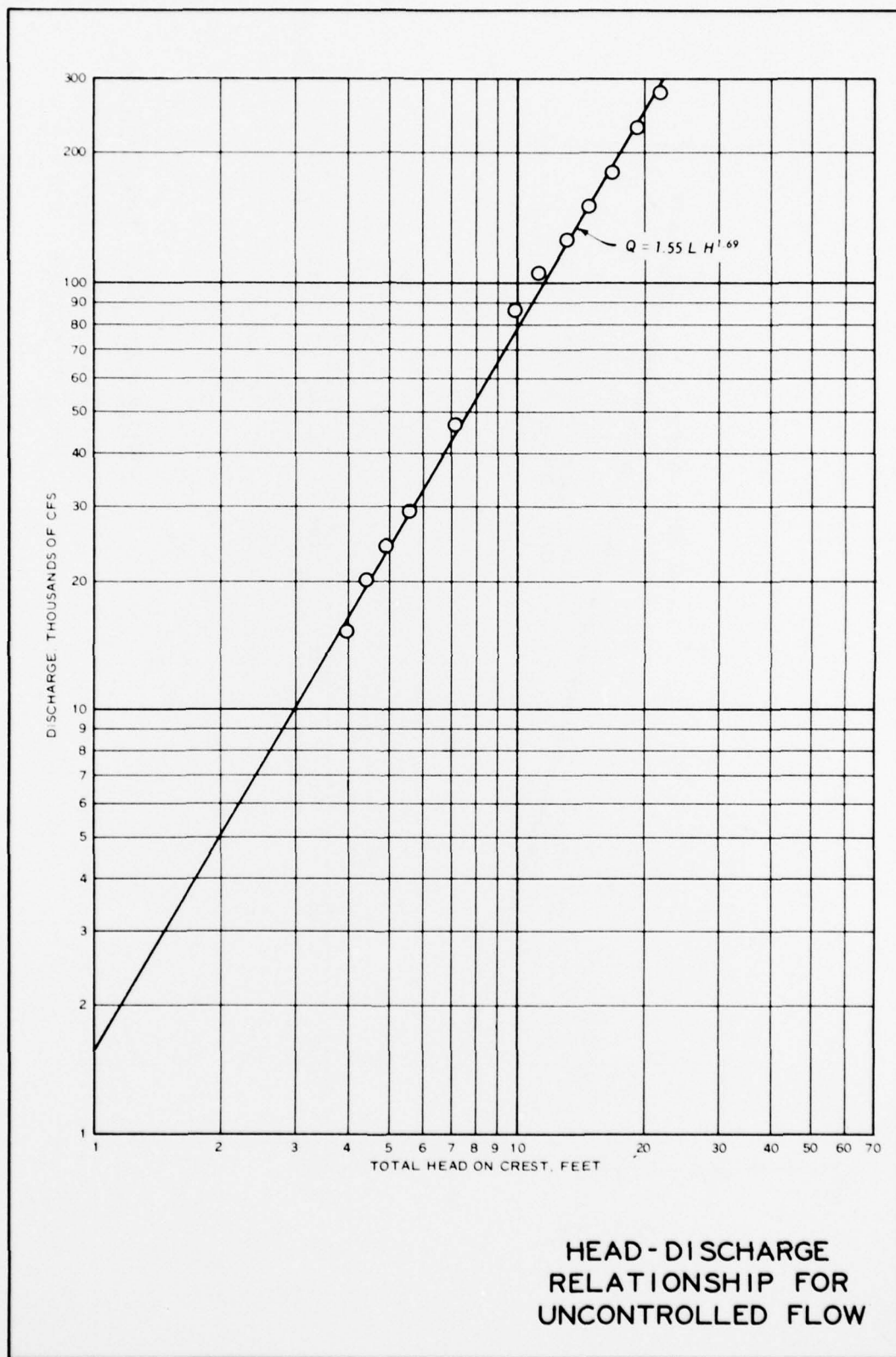
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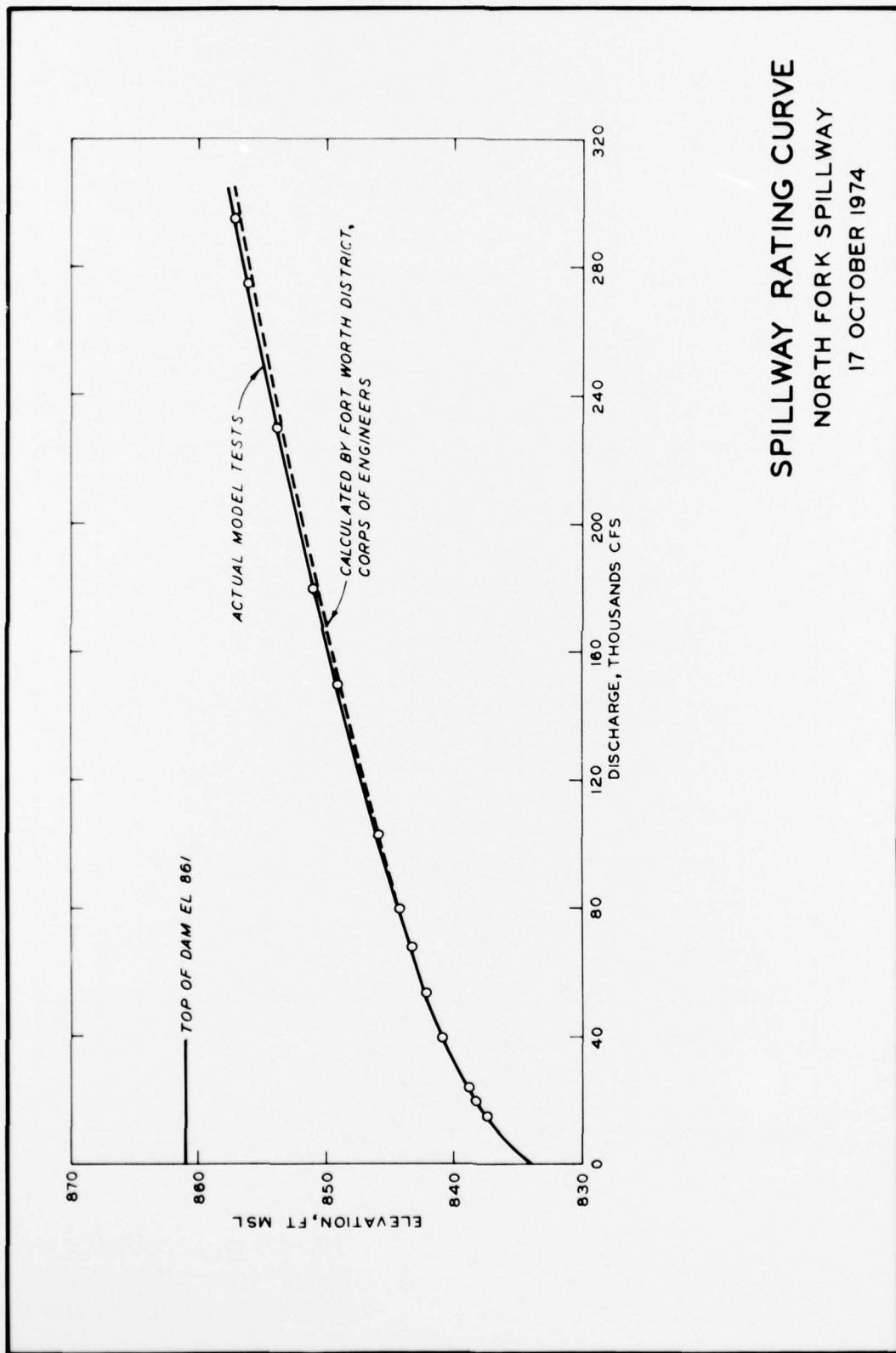
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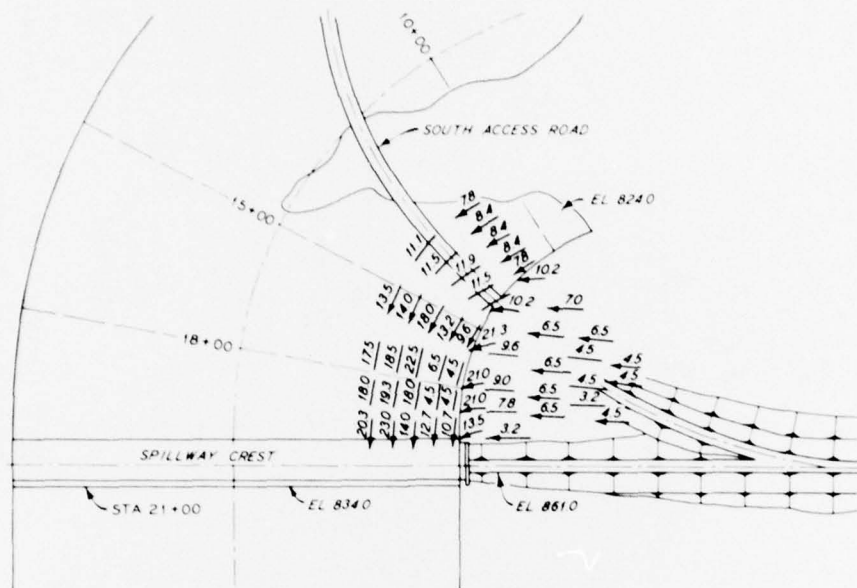
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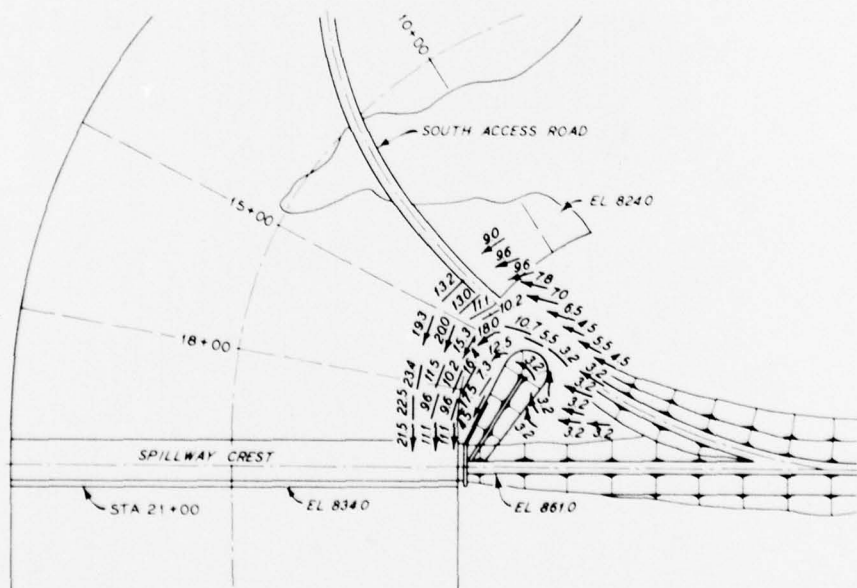




**SPILLWAY RATING CURVE**  
**NORTH FORK SPILLWAY**  
**17 OCTOBER 1974**



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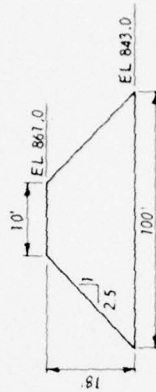
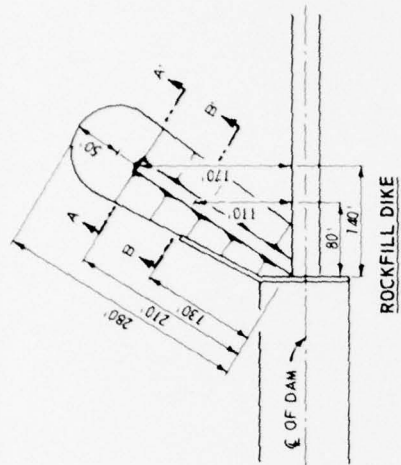


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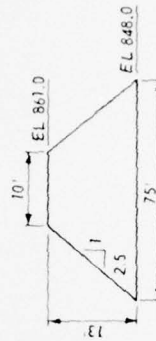
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POOL ELEVATION 856.6 FT

VELOCITIES AND CURRENTS  
IN SPILLWAY APPROACH  
ORIGINAL AND PROPOSED DESIGN



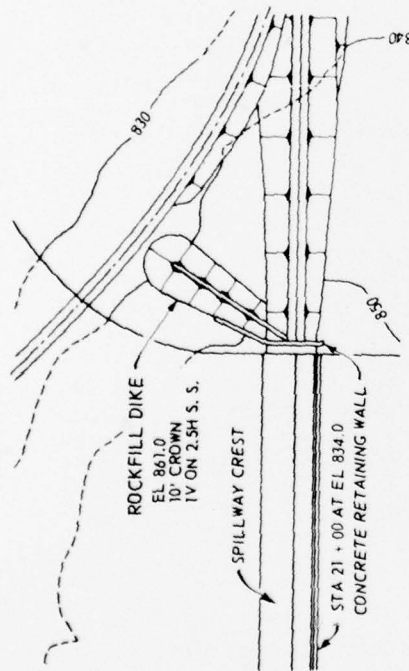


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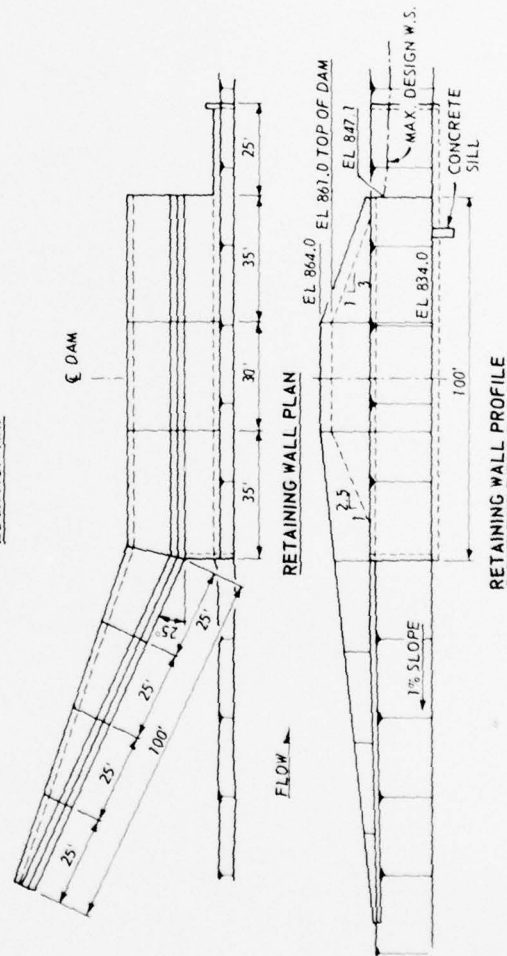


SECTION B-B'

DETAILS OF LEFT ABUTMENT  
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TYPE 1 (ORIGINAL) DESIGN



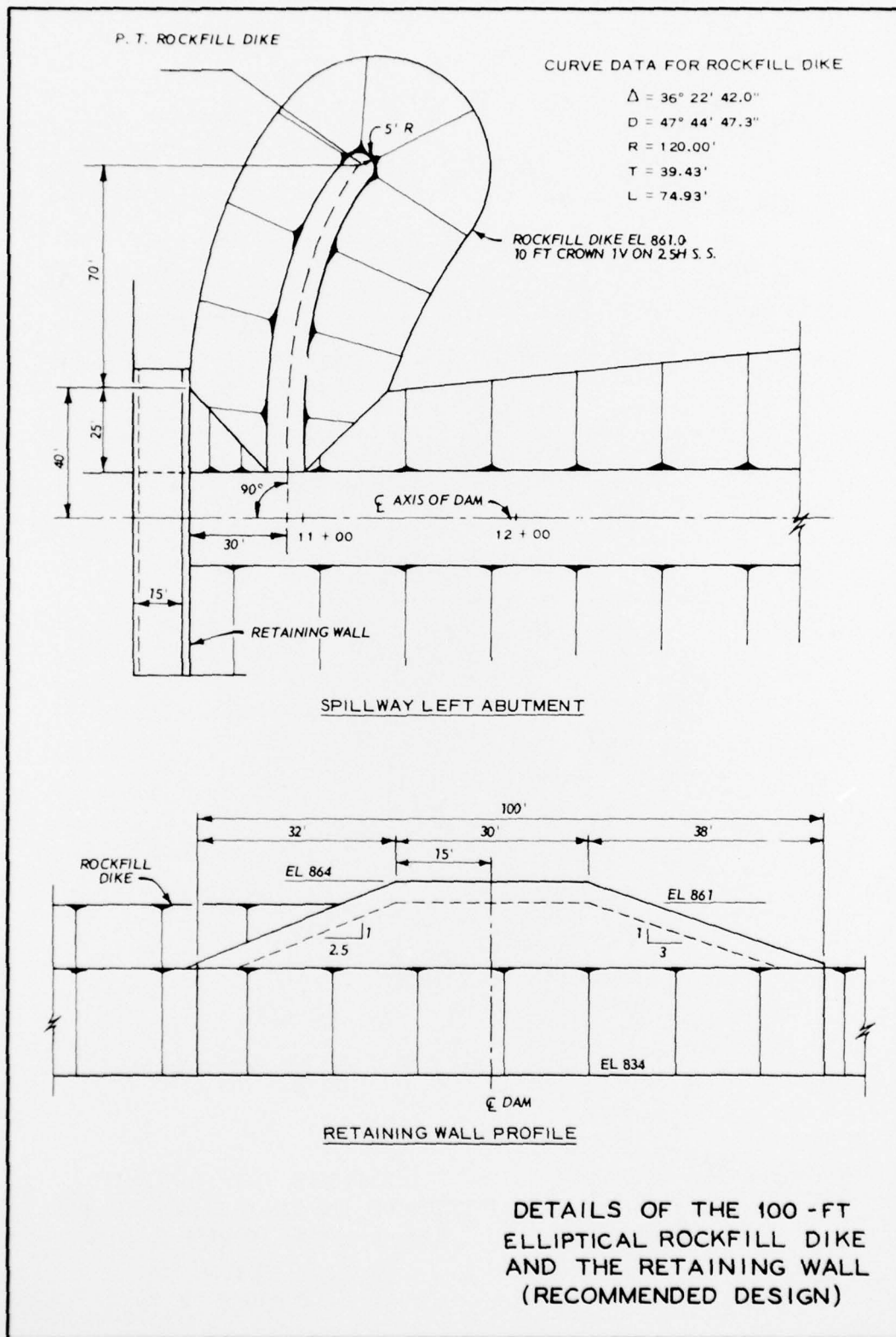
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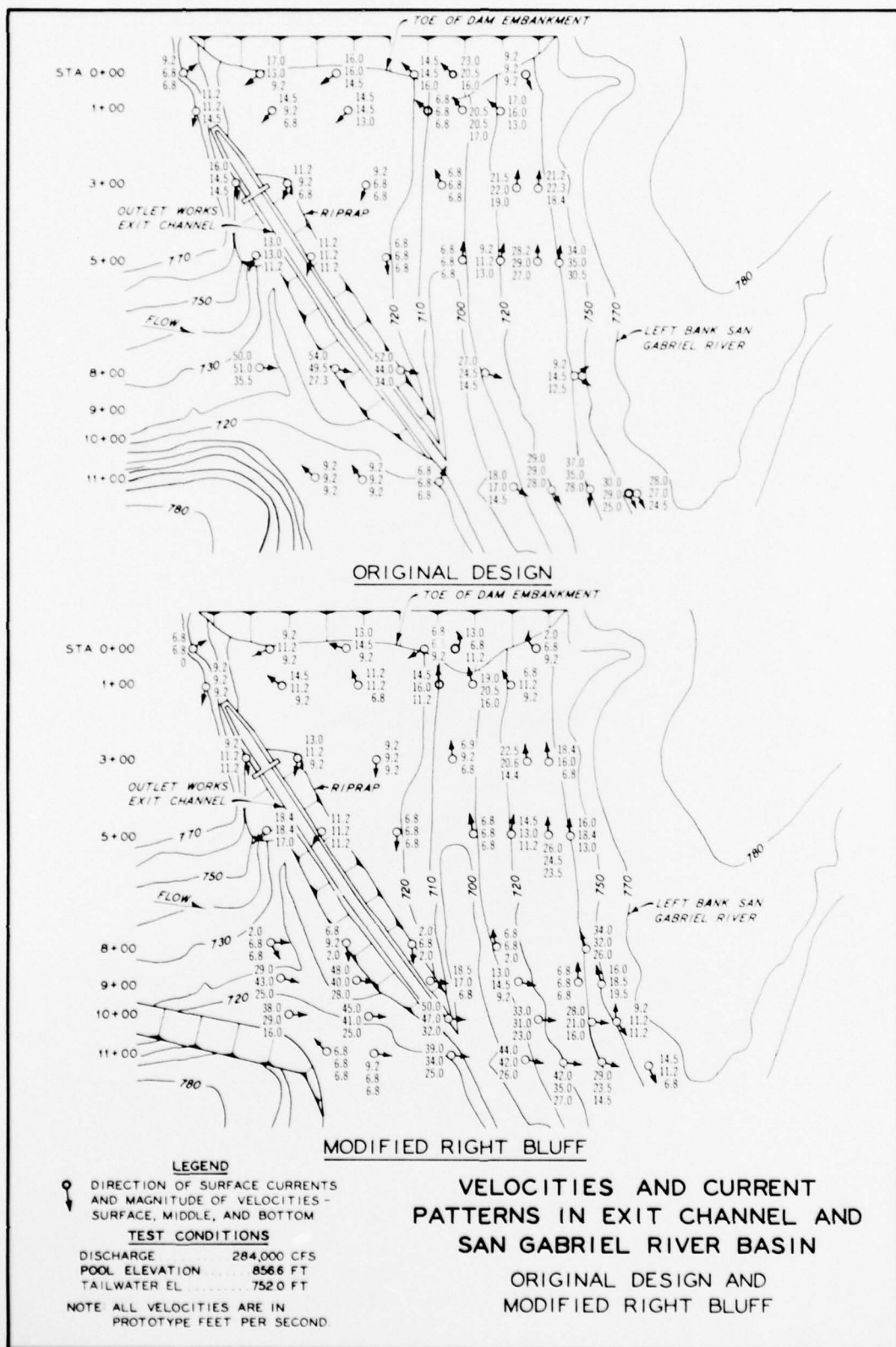


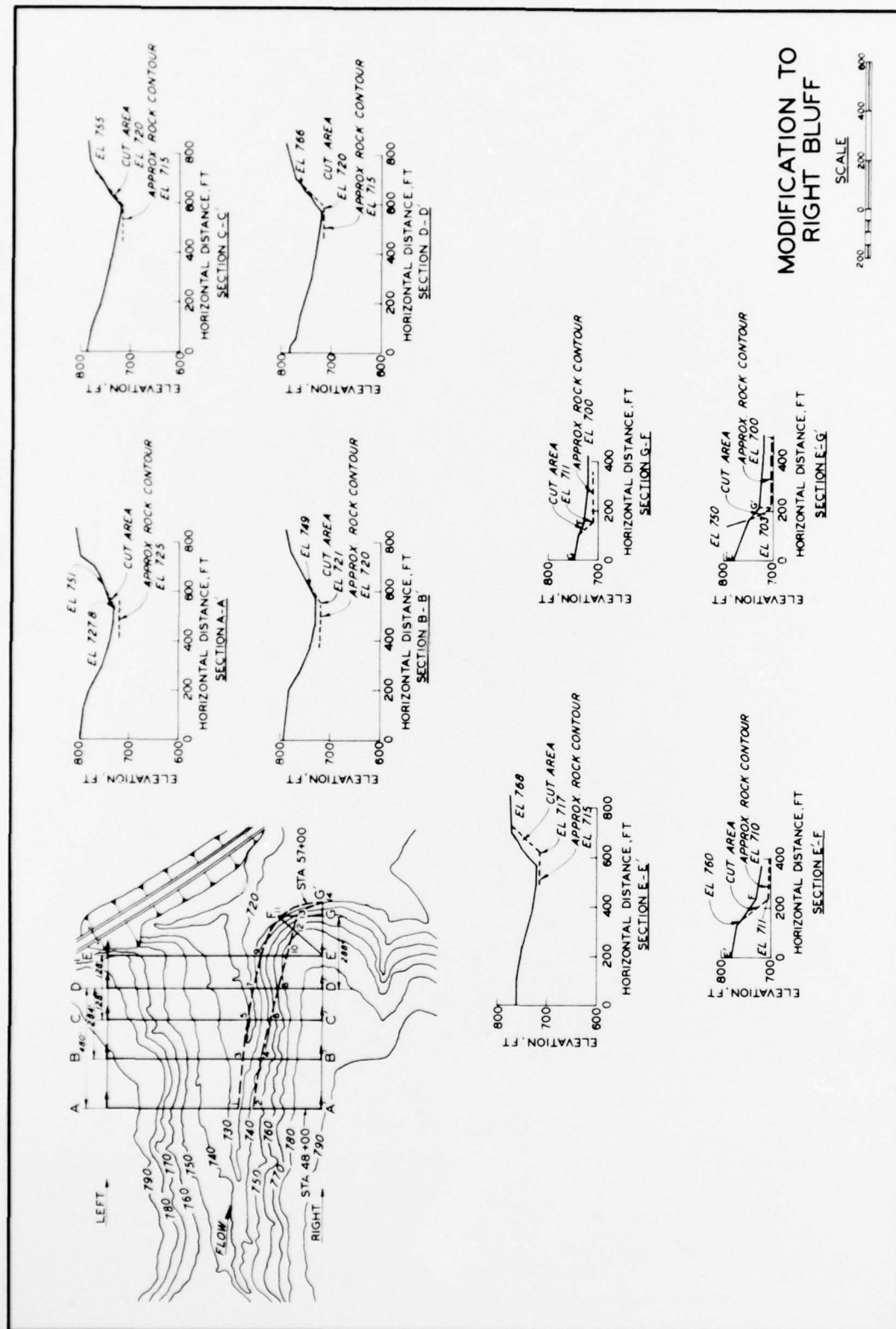
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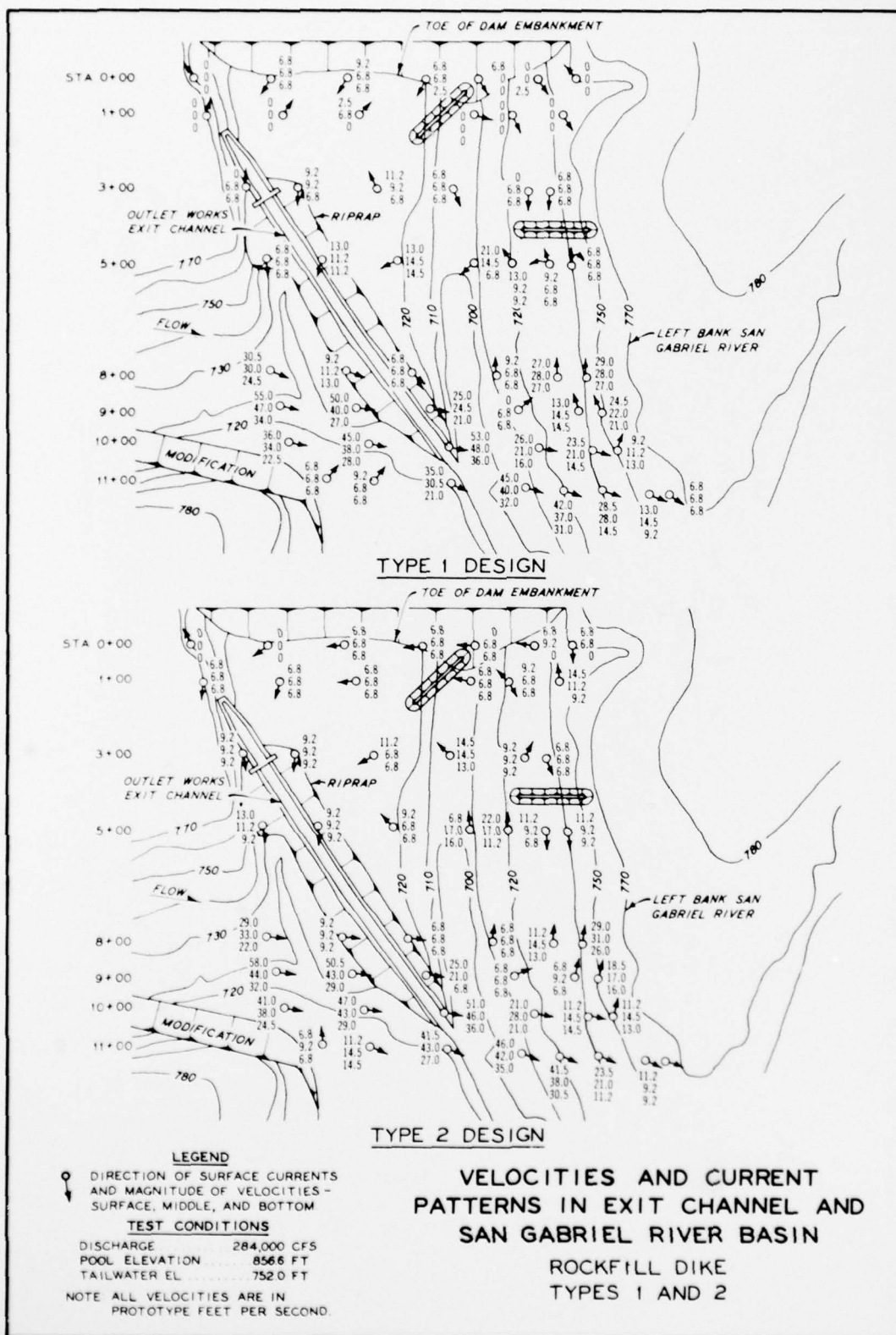
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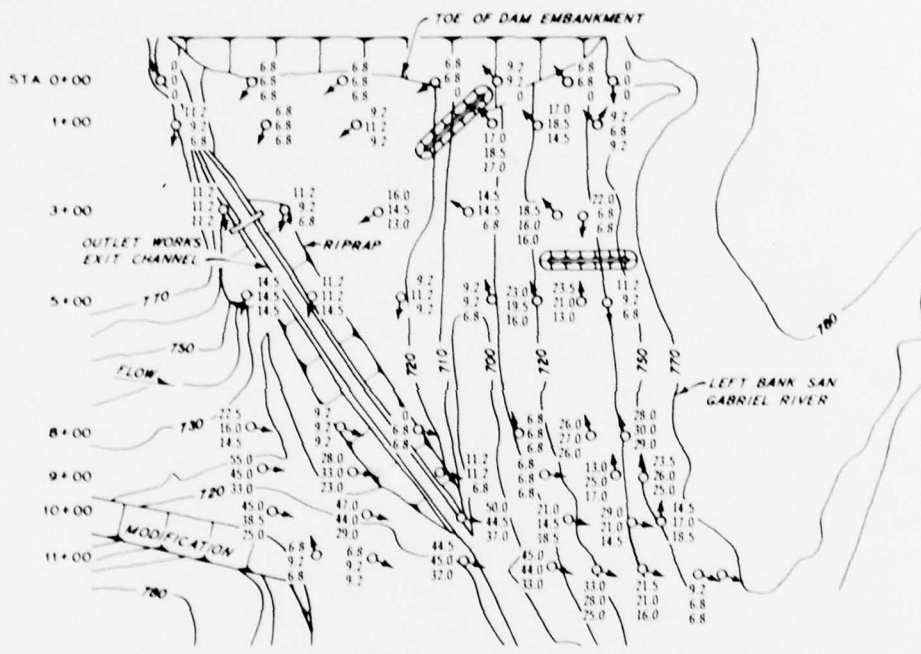












TYPE 4 DESIGN

**LEGEND**

○ DIRECTION OF SURFACE CURRENTS  
AND MAGNITUDE OF VELOCITIES -  
SURFACE, MIDDLE, AND BOTTOM

**TEST CONDITIONS**

DISCHARGE 284,000 CFS  
POOL ELEVATION 856.6 FT  
TAILWATER EL 752.0 FT

NOTE: ALL VELOCITIES ARE IN  
PROTOTYPE FEET PER SECOND

# VELOCITIES AND CURRENT PATTERNS IN EXIT CHANNEL AND SAN GABRIEL RIVER BASIN

ROCKFILL DIKE  
TYPE 4  
(RECOMMENDED DESIGN)



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